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Boys Basketball State Tournament to Remain in Madison; Girls to Green Bay in 2013 & 2014

Board Supports Executive Staff Recommendations on State Tournament Sites for 2012 Summer Baseball and Girls Golf

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control authorized the Executive Staff to pursue agreements to keep the State Boys Basketball Tournament at the Kohl Center in Madison and to move the State Girls Basketball Tournament to the Resch Center in Green Bay for 2013 and 2014 at its April meeting.

The Board approved a recommendation by Executive Director Dave Anderson to move the Girls State Basketball Tournament to the Resch Center in Green Bay, pending the successful negotiation of a formal agreement with PMI and the Resch Center to host the premiere girls basketball event in 2013 and 2014. In addition, the recommendation seeks an extension to the contract for the Boys State Basketball Tournament at the Kohl Center in Madison, along with the State Football Championships, State Individual and Team Wrestling Championships, Girls & Boys Golf Championships, and the State Softball Championships through 2020, pending the successful negotiation of a formal agreement for these tournaments with University of Wisconsin.



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Reynolds and Busler Extend Terms; Pam Foegen to Join Board

Seven Positions on Advisory Council Determined



Terry Reynolds



Brian Busler



Pam Foegen

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association announced the results of the membership election for three members of the Board of Control and seven for the Advisory Council at the Annual Meeting on April 25. Each successful candidate will serve a three-year term on the committees.

President-elect Terry Reynolds, the district administrator at Pittsville, was elected to his second consecutive term in District 2. It will be his third term on the Board, having also served as the District 1 representative from 2004-07 while at Shell Lake. Brian Busler, the district administrator at Oregon, was elected in District 5 after serving the past year as an appointed member on the Board to complete the term of Ted Evans.

Pam Foegen was elected to the Board as the gender at-large representative, succeeding Mary Pfeiffer of Neenah, who did not seek re-election. Foegen is the supervisor of special education in the La Crosse School District. She is the spouse of former Board member, Roger Foegen, who served from 2005-11 and was Board president in 2009-10.

The successful candidates for the two available large size school seats on the Advisory Council are Eric Burling, principal at Burlington, who was re-elected to his second term, and Kurt Gundlach, assistant principal and athletic-activities director at Marinette. Scott Bleck, district administrator at Weyauwega-Fremont, was re-elected as the medium size school representative. Brad Ayer, district administrator at Clear Lake, was elected to his second term as a small school representative, and Patrick Olson, principal at Prairie Farm was elected to his first term as a small school delegate.

Lisa Albrecht, the principal at Westosha Central was elected as the gender at-large representative, and Ted Knutson, principal and athletic director at Aquinas, was elected as the non-public school representative. ■

Membership Makes Changes to Constitution, Bylaws and Eligibility Rules

The membership of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association passed a number of amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility at its Annual Meeting held at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center on April 25.

Of the six amendments related to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility up for membership vote, five passed into membership rule effective May 18, 2012.

Arguably the most significant change is to the Rules of Eligibility. It liberalizes the language addressing school teams assembling out-of-season during the school year. The new language permits student-athletes to assemble during the school year at any time outside the season for practice or competition as long as the school and/or school coach are not involved. The amendment received membership approval by a 258-72 vote.

The second of the amendments impacting the membership's Rules of Eligibility allows an injured athlete to participate in an awards ceremony if he/she is included on the team roster for the championship game. The vote to overwhelmingly approve was 313-19.

Two of the approved amendments relate to conference affiliation and realignment provisions. The first would remove a mem-

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2012 Annual Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2012

The 117th Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association was held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point.

Board of Control President Mark Gobler, Principal at Luck, presided. Mr. Gobler welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting. There were 405 delegates representing 342 schools in attendance.

Mr. Gobler introduced the head table which included Executive Director Dave Anderson, Deputy Director Wade Labecki, President-Elect Terry Reynolds of Pittsville, Treasurer Dean Sanders of Lake Mills, Parliamentarian Dr. Chris Sadler of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and Administration Coordinator Julie Kage.

Minutes of 2011 meeting stand as previously published. The meeting minutes were published in the WIAA Yearbook, on the Web site and approved by the Board of Control in May, 2011.



Dave Anderson

Treasurer Dean Sanders directed the meeting participants to the information found in the 2011-12 Annual Meeting brochure. In it, he pointed out Tournament Revenue, Expense and Operating Revenue and Expense charts. He encouraged the participants to use this information to educate about the WIAA financial makeup. Revenue is up due to an increase in membership dues attributed to the rising number of charter school members. Operating expenses were down due to a decrease in legal expenses that had increased in the past few years due to the WNA/Gannett suit. Attendance at state tournaments is down and containing costs is Mr. Anderson's #1 financial objective. A motion was made by Mike Devine, Stevens Point and seconded by Paul Rozak, Stratford to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried by a voice vote with no dissents noted.

Joan Gralla presented the Election Report. In the Board of Control election, Terry Reynolds, was re-elected to a three-year term for District 2 expiring after the June 2015 meeting. Brian Busler was re-elected to a three-year term for District 5 expiring after the June 2015 meeting. Pam Foegen, La Crosse was elected for

a three-year term for the Gender At-Large seat expiring after the June 2015 meeting. There will be a Special Election to fill the seat vacated by Jim Dyer for the Non-Public At Large seat. In the Advisory Council elections, Eric Burling, Burlington was reelected and Kurt Gundlach, Marinette was elected to a three-year term for the Large Schools expiring after the June 2015 meeting. Scott Bleck, Weyauwega-Fremont was re-elected to a three-year term for the Medium Schools expiring after the June 2015 meeting. Brad Ayer, Clear Lake was reelected and Patrick Olson, Prairie Farm was elected to a three-year term for the Small Schools expiring after the June 2015 meeting. Lisa Albrecht, Westosha Central was elected for a three-year term for the Gender At-Large seat expiring after the June 2015 meeting. Ted Knutson, Aquinas was reelected for a three-year term for the Non-Public At Large seat expiring after the June 2015 meeting.

A Special Election will take place for the Non-Public At Large seat on the Board of Control. This will be for a one-year term beginning with the August 10, 2012 Board of Control Meeting. The timeline for this Special Election is as follows:

May 8, 2012 – Deadline for filing declarations of intent to run

May 9, 2012 – If more than twice as many candidates file, a primary election will be held and the primary ballot mailed to schools on this date. If a primary is not needed, the general election ballot will be sent on this date

May 21, 2012 – Deadline for returning primary election ballot or general election ballot, if primary not needed.

May 23, 2012 – If primary is needed, general elections will be sent.

June 4, 2012 – If primary is needed, deadline for returning general election ballots.

August 10, 2012 – Successful candidate will be seated for the Board of Control Meeting.

Other Board members were introduced. They included Corey Baumgartner, Kaukauna; Mike Beighley, Whitehall; Brian Busler, Oregon; Jack Klebesadel, Germantown; Mary Pfeiffer, Neenah and Tim Sivertson, Elk Mound. Board of Control member Keith Posley, Milwaukee was excused. Greg Smith, West De Pere, Executive Director of WADA and Board of Control liaison Bryan Yager, President-Elect of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association were introduced. John Ashley, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and Michael Thompson, Deputy State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction were excused. Advisory Council and Sports Advisory Committee members present were recognized as well. Media present included Rob Hernandez, Wisconsin State Journal; Mark Stewart, Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel and When We Were Young produced the live streaming of the meeting.

Deputy Director Wade Labecki referred the attendees to the organizational grid and explained the procedure by which rules are established, including the NFHS role in sports rules, how Season Regulations are brought through the committee process beginning with the coaches advisory committees, Sports Advisory Committee, Advisory Council and Board of Control. Amendments to the Constitutional, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility are scrutinized by the Sports Advisory, Advisory Council and Board of Control and, if approved, advanced for consideration at the Annual Meeting. Membership voting procedures for the amendments

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New Athletic Director Workshop 2012



Monday, July 23 - Stevens Point

1:00 - 6:00 p.m. - WIAA Office

LTC Course 502 - Principles, Strategies and Methods of Athletic Administration

(There will be a \$35 charge for anyone taking this course.)

Course does count toward Certified Athletic Administrator certification.)

6 p.m. - Cookout - WIAA Office

Time to socialize and get to know others in attendance.

Tuesday, July 24 - Stevens Point

8 a.m. Welcome - Dave Anderson, Executive Director

8:15 a.m. WIAA Organizational Structure - Deb Hauser, Associate Director

8:30 a.m. Eligibility - Wade Labecki, Deputy Director

10 a.m. WIAA Handbook & Season Regulations - Marcy Thurwachter, Assistant Director & Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director

11 a.m. Risk Management - Jan Doleschal, Start Playing Safe, Milwaukee

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m. WIAA School Center / Web site Information / rSchool Today

3 p.m. Wrap-up / Evaluation

To register, simply email your interest in attending to Deb Hauser <dhauser@wiaawi.org> prior to June 29.

Course fee of \$35 is payable to WADA (Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association).

One graduate credit through Edgewood College is available for an additional \$150.



Officials Corner

Officials Re-Licensing Applications Due June 1, 2012

The 2012-13 re-licensing applications were mailed to all currently licensed officials on April 26, 2012. This mailing was sent as a pre-sort so it could take up to 10 days to reach you. If for some reason you do not receive a re-licensing application in the mail, please go to the WIAA Web site under WIAA Info then under Officials Licensing and print the 2012-13 licensing application. The deadline to submit the 2012-13 re-licensing application is June 1, 2012 (postmark date). If you submit your re-licensing application after the due date you will be required to pay a \$20 late fee. Please contact either Joan Gralla or Kristen Spencer with any questions. ■

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. 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.** ■

Congratulations! 2012 Winter Tournament Officials

BOYS SWIMMING

Division 2: Meet Referee – Phillip Eberle, Racine; Diving Referee – Al Schmidt, Menomonee Falls; Starter – Al Schmidt, Menomonee Falls; Stroke Judge – Steven Jensen, Rhinelander; Turn Judges – Brenda Minster, Sheboygan & Cathie Marty, Madison

Division 1: Meet Referee – Phillip Eberle, Racine; Diving Referee – Al Schmidt, Menomonee Falls; Starter – Steven Jensen, Rhinelander; Stroke Judge – Brenda Minster, Sheboygan; Turn Judges – Al Schmidt, Menomonee Falls & Cathie Marty, Madison

INDIVIDUAL WRESTLING

Michael Arendt, Franksville; Mike Blaszczak, Appleton; Bill Coker, Athens; Rodney Davis, Sharon; Pat DeBruin, Manitowoc; Larry Gorres, Menasha; Kevin Guilette, Forestville; Harold Hellen, Barneveld; Dave Miller, Middleton; Mike Nickelatti, Stoddard; Gail Pronschinske, Hudson; Hank Stillman, Waukeesh; Cal Tackes, Edgar; Chuck Walek, Independence; Tony Wilson, Delafield

TEAM WRESTLING

Cliff Ange, Athens; Joe Heil, Edgar; Lynn Isensee, Sparta; Russell O'Leary, Milton; Bruce Schaefer, Chilton; Steve Schutte, Menomonie; Todd Goldbeck, Middleton; Richard Legler, Oregon

HOCKEY

Travis Ahlberg, Birchwood; Kevin Airaudi, West Bend; Curt Beecher, Madison; Mark Bray, Appleton; Jim Brown, Wausau; William Conybear, Madison; Mike De Long, Woodville; Dave Ferwerda, Madison; Tom Fitzgerald, Mosinee; Matt Gerlach, Fitchburg; Kevin Griswold, Green Bay; Jeff Hanzlik, Chippewa Falls; Shawn Houser, Eau Claire; David King, Appleton; Andy Krahenbuhl, Cameron; Brock Kuklinski, Mosinee; Jason Lassen, Onalaska; Bryce Maphis, Brookfield; Christopher Mc Guirk, Menasha; Eric Olson, West Allis; Ryan Reischel, Sun Prairie; Graydon Richartz, Menomonie; Tim Rowan, Menomonie; Jill Schleis, Madison; Amy Smith, Cottage Grove; Anthony Stemberger, Milwaukee; Scott Swid, Mosinee; William Wendorf, Merrill; Taylor Willert, Sun Prairie; William Zuck, Superior

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

DIVISION 1: MEET REFEREE – Cindy Hoenisch, Eau Claire; **BALANCE BEAM** – Christine Kalupa, Kaukauna; Jacqueline Strutt, Onalaska, Chief Judge; Barb Fotsch, Sussex; **FLOOR EXERCISE** – Kris Sutter Parent, Mount Horeb, Chief Judge; Becky Grille, Elroy; Cheryl Chapman, Racine; **VAULTING** – Ann Renn, Baraboo; Roseann Tank, Fort Atkinson; Helen Culliney, Grafton, Chief Judge; **UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS** – Jan Adkins, Sun Prairie, Chief Judge; Cheryl Hancock, Holmen; Brucie Chapman, Sharon

DIVISION 2: MEET REFEREE – Cindy Hoenisch, Eau Claire; **BALANCE BEAM** – Tania Gray, River Falls; Kris Ostermann, Rhinelander, Chief Judge; Tom Chapman, Sharon; **FLOOR EXERCISE** – Michelle Andrews, West Bend; Teri Creighton, Baraboo; Patty Subach, Oregon, Chief Judge; **VAULTING** – Irv Keough, Kaukauna; Linda Skwierawski, Galesville, Chief Judge; Karen Fisher, Whitewater; **UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS** – Faith Wagner, La Crosse; Carrie Osswald, Whitefish Bay; Debbie Brown, Sun Prairie, Chief Judge

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Chad Austin, Medford; Abigail Bickel, Racine; Todd D. Boivin, Shawano; Mike Brewer, Milwaukee; Dave Brost, Janesville; Eric Butalla, East Troy; Taylor Devalk, Madison; Shelley Dietz, New Franken; Jed Durni, Eau Claire; Paul Fischer, Alma Center; Andre Gosch, Waukeesh; Ross Hackbarth, Medford; Tim Harke, Green Bay; Jeff Hartl, Kieler; Scott Huffman, Beloit; Tammy Hutchison, Racine; Chris Jenny, Edgerton; Denita Johnson, Milwaukee; Steven Kassner, Oneida; Thomas Kaster, Mount Horeb; Gordon Knuth, Grafton; Bart Matzek, Prescott; Brad Matzek, Prescott; Mike Matzek, Prescott; B.J. McMahon, Oregon; Tyler Moy, Eau Claire; Paul Nelson, Eau Claire; Dean Nemoir, Milwaukee; Jerry Reinke, South Milwaukee; Katie Ressie, Menomonie; Erin Rickard, Cedarburg; Duane Rolkoski, Muskego; Bill Rusboldt, Appleton; David Schumacher, Fox Lake; Katie Seitz, Milwaukee; James Sekel, Eau Claire; Tim Shookman, Beaver Dam; Tom Sowinski, Hartford; David Timmerman, Lancaster; Patrick Tschimperle, Kaukauna; David Vaara, Medford; Roger VanLanen, Green Bay; Tim Wagner, Jefferson; Ken Welter, Dickeyville; Jeff Zawicki, Muskego

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tim Ackerman, Mount Horeb; Chris Barr, Wausau; Mike Carr, Middleton; Jim Celt, Glenwood City; Patrick Colgrove, Ashland; Joe Coyle, DeForest; Ryan DeLong, Holmen; Louis Eisenman, Schofield; Andy Gallion, Milwaukee; Mark Gotta, Stevens Point; Andy Hansen, Elkhart Lake; Charles Hardrick, Milwaukee; Thaddeaus Hilliard, Milwaukee; Dan Howard, Cottage Grove; Thomas Huenink, Cedar Grove; Charlie Ihle, West Salem; Mark Jandrin, Luxemburg; Tim Jorgensen, New Franken; Michael Klein, Hewitt; Ken Koester, Wauwatosa; Lee Kornaus, New Franken; Ray Kosey, Superior; Paul Lehmann, River Falls; Jeff Lewis, Franklin; Jeffrey Linehan, River Falls; Jason Mangin, Oshkosh; Todd Mangin, Whitelaw; Chuck Morning IV, Menomonie; Jim Myers, Mount Horeb; Ryan Nelson, Eau Claire; Tyler Nelson, Eau Claire; Cole Passe, La Crosse; Michael Pfeil, Evansville; Wesley Porter, Milwaukee; Ron Quirk, Racine; Ralph A. Simrons Sr., Sun Prairie; Jeff Totzke, Eagle River; Brian Trettin, Hayward; Todd Van Ess, Oostburg; Jeff Welk, Rhinelander; Gary Williams, Sturtevant; David Wilson, Milwaukee; Daniel Wipperfurth, Verona; Dan Yagodinski, Luxemburg; Billy Young, Pewaukee ■

WIAA Recognizes 2012 Scholar Athlete Award Recipients

The best of the best, 32 Wisconsin high school seniors (16 girls and 16 boys) from Kenosha to Hurley, have turned in the top classroom and sports performances at Wisconsin's public and nonpublic high schools, received the prestigious 2012 WIAA Scholar Athlete Award, presented by the WIAA membership and underwritten by Marshfield Clinic.

The 32 scholar athlete finalists were chosen from among 749 seniors nominated by 390 of the 506 member high schools in the state. Every year since 1984, each of the WIAA-member high schools has been invited to nominate one boy and one girl for the WIAA Scholar Athlete award. Seventeen of this year's 32 WIAA Scholar Athlete finalists have a grade point average of 4.0 to date, while the average GPA is 3.92.

To determine the top 32 finalists, four boys and four girls are selected from each of the four WIAA divisions based on both athletics and academic achievement. All 32 scholar athlete finalists earned a total of 306 letters (an average of 9 letters per athlete) during their first 3-1/2 years of high school.

The 2012 WIAA Scholar Athlete Finalists, as well as their families and school representatives, were recognized at an awards ceremony Sunday, May 6 at the Jefferson Street Inn in Wausau.

Each 2012 WIAA Scholar Athlete Finalist received a medallion, certificate and plaque for display in their school's trophy case. The featured speaker was Jay Wilson, WISN Channel 3 of Madison Sports Director, Big 10 Network Play-by-Play

Announcer and long time friend of the WIAA.

An archived Webcast of the awards ceremony is available at www.wiaa.tv.

All students nominated for the award by their high school athletic director will be presented with a medal at their school recognizing them as their school's top male or female scholar athlete.

This year's list of scholar athlete finalists features these items of interest:

■ Of the 390 high schools submitting nominations this year, seven had WIAA Scholar Athlete finalists for the first time.

- Oconomowoc High School has its first WIAA Scholar Athlete – Amanda Prom.

- Greta Davis is the first WIAA Scholar Athlete from Catholic Memorial High School in Waukesha.

- Brie Tennyson is the first WIAA Scholar Athlete from Kenosha Christian Life High School.

- Nathaniel Erickson is the first WIAA Scholar Athlete from Prentice High School.

- Green Lake High School's first WIAA Scholar Athlete is Matt Van Scyoc.

- Northwood High School's first WIAA Scholar Athlete is Teagen Harings.

- Molly Seidel is the first WIAA Scholar Athlete from University Lake School.

- John Wells is the eighth WIAA Scholar Athlete from Milton High School.

- Stefanie Siroin is the seventh WIAA Scholar Athlete from Washburn High School.

- Caitin Maki is the seventh WIAA Scholar Athlete from Hurley High School.

- Jennifer Cassel is the seventh WIAA Scholar Athlete from Shell Lake High School.

2012 Scholar Athlete Finalists

DIVISION 1 – BOYS

Elliot Ashbeck, Marshfield—Marshfield High School

Gerrit Bruni, Baraboo—Baraboo High School
Scott VanDeLoo, Kaukauna—Kaukauna High School

John Wells, Janesville—Milton High School

DIVISION 1 – GIRLS

Sarah Poirier, Wausau—Wausau West High School
Amanda Prom, Oconomowoc—Oconomowoc High School*

Katelyn Stine, Wausau—Wausau East High School
Taylor Varsho, Chili—Marshfield High School

DIVISION 2 – BOYS

Luke Bjorklund, Reedsburg—Reedsburg Area High School

Mark Dessart, Seymour—Seymour High School
Levi Naves, Bloomer—Bloomer High School
Ryan O'Donnell, McFarland—McFarland High School

DIVISION 2 – GIRLS

Greta Davis, Waukesha—Catholic Memorial High School*

Alison Olson, New Auburn—Bloomer High School
Tricia Serres, Platteville—Platteville High School
Anna Sudbury, Tomahawk—Tomahawk High School

DIVISION 3 – BOYS

William Doll, Amherst—Amherst High School
Lucas Markiewicz, Pound—Coleman High School
Kent Miede, Darlington—Darlington High School
Dan Schoen, Neillsville—Neillsville High School

DIVISION 3 – GIRLS

Madeline Hauptert, La Crosse—Aquinas High School

Caitlin Maki, Saxon—Hurley High School
Stefanie Siroin, Herbster—Washburn High School
Brie Tennyson, Kenosha—Kenosha Christian Life High School*

DIVISION 4 – BOYS

Nathaniel Behnke, Bruce—Bruce High School
Nathaniel Erickson, Prentice—Prentice High School*

Cody Schwartz, Wilton—Brookwood High School
Matt Van Scyoc, Markesan—Green Lake High School*

DIVISION 4 – GIRLS

Jennifer Cassel, Shell Lake—Shell Lake High School

Teagen Harings, Minong—Northwood High School*

Kailee Kamps, Belmont—Belmont High School
Molly Seidel, Nashotah—University Lake School*

*indicates that the student is that school's first statewide winner. ■



WIAA Scholar Athletes Class of 2012

Conference Commissioner Position-Olympian Conference

The Olympian Conference has announced a vacancy for the position of Conference Commissioner. The position will begin on or before July 1, 2012. For more information please contact Dr. Timothy J. Schaidt at 920-849-2358, ext. 4303; or via e-mail at schaidt@chilton.k12.wi.us. Application deadline is May 23, 2012. ■

WIAA Pace of Play

Tom Shafranski



At their January, 2003, meeting, the WIAA Board of Control approved a Pace of Play regulation as recommended by the Golf Coaches Advisory Committee. This regulation, put into effect at the start of the 2003-04 girls' and boys' seasons, addressed Pace of Play for a group. At the January, 2012, the WIAA Board of Control approved a 40-second shot clock for each individual player. Below you will find a description of how these regulations are administered:

PACE OF PLAY GROUP PENALTY

A group will be subject to penalty when the group is taking more than the allotted time to play and is out of position (except for the first group of the day*). A group's time will begin with the actual time they tee off and position determined by the following factors:

PACE OF PLAY INDIVIDUAL PENALTY

An individual player is subject to penalty when the group is taking more than their allotted time to play, is out of position and the individual player is taking more than 40 seconds to play a shot.

DETERMINING TIME PAR

TIME PAR is the time in which the WIAA expects all players to complete a round. It is expressed as an overall time for nine or 18 holes. The WIAA Coaches Advisory Committee has recommended and the WIAA Board of Control has approved golf tournament hosts shall determine an appropriate length of time to play the course. The recommended amount of time is two hours and 15 minutes for nine holes and four hours and 30 minutes for 18 holes.

The common recommendation for determining TIME PAR for a course is to use the time limitations found below:

- 14 minutes to play a par three
- 15 minutes to play a par four
- 16 minutes to play a par five

These times may vary in accordance with hole dynamics, special features, etc. As you can see from the University Ridge Scorecard, not all par three holes are 14 minutes and not all par five holes are 16 minutes. Times may vary. The times listed above are a common guide to help meet managers begin to determine the time for each hole.

OUT OF POSITION

Out of position is when a group is (a) behind in their time par and (b) more than one shot behind the group in front of them.

The first group of the day is considered "out of position" when they are over time par on a checkpoint hole. Otherwise, a group is considered to be "out of position" when they:

- Reach the tee of a par 3-hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee.
- Reach the tee of a par 4-hole and the putting green is clear.
- Reach the tee of a par 5-hole when the preceding group is on the putting green.

Note: Both a and b must apply for a group to be out of position.

*First group of day is responsible to maintain the time par and, preferably, encouraged to play faster than the time par.

ENFORCEMENT OF GROUP PENALTIES

For the first Pace of Play violation a warning is assessed by the tournament manager to the group. On a second Pace of Play violation, a one-stroke penalty is assessed to each player in the group. The penalty shall be added to the hole in which the infraction occurred.

To revoke or cancel the previous hole penalty, a group will have a penalty rescinded once they are in position or on time after being warned/penalized.

TIMING INDIVIDUALS

When a group is being monitored and players are being timed, each player in the

group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds after timing of the player's stroke begins. Timing needs to be administered as follows:

Tee Shots:

Timing begins when the first player puts their tee in the ground or their ball is placed on the teeing area (when tee is not used).

Timing of the second and subsequent players begins when they put their tee in the ground.

Fairway Shots:

Ready golf encouraged (order based on who's ready, not who's away).

Players are not allowed to walk to green to view pin position.

Timing of first player begins 20 seconds after cart comes to rest or bag is put down. Total time allowed for first player is one minute.

Timing of other players begins after ball is struck.

Green Situations:

Players are allowed to lift, clean and replace ball, fix ball marks, remove loose impediments on green and prepare for putt.

No continuous realigning of ball allowed. Timing begins when first player removes ball mark after replacing ball.

Other player's clock begins once ball is removed from cup or previous player marks their ball.

Players should putt out short putts (2-3 feet) whenever possible.

If the group in question regains its proper position, any previous timings of more than 40 seconds will be carried over the remainder of that round in the event that group requires additional monitoring.

ENFORCEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL PENALTIES

For the first violation of the 40-second shot limit, a warning is assessed by the tournament manager to the individual. On the second violation, a one-stroke penalty is assessed to the player. **The Tournament Manager must witness the 40-second shot violation and inform the player of the warning and/or subsequent penalty.**

Warnings and penalties assessed to individuals cannot be rescinded.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs, which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

Practice between holes is prohibited with all WIAA events.

Questions and/or concerns regarding the Pace of Play Rule can be directed to Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director through e-mail at tshafranski@wiaawi.org or by calling (715) 344-8580.

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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WIAA Eligibility – Summer Reminders

By: **Wade Labecki**
WIAA Deputy Director

There are a few the things that athletic directors might want to review relative to WIAA rules, as students participate in their summer activities.

1) Remind those that might need to know, the rules affecting transfer students. Distribute the Transfer Rules and Waivers Quick Facts (available on the WIAA Web site) to the appropriate people including your guidance and admissions staff.

2) Review with coaches as necessary, the out-of-season coaching contact rules for their sport. Provide coaches with the summer contact form so they can provide you with a schedule of their planned contact days in advance. Remember that volunteer coaches are the same as paid coaches for purposes of this rule and that the second time someone shows up at practice to help coach they are considered a school coach.

a) All WIAA sport coaches are allowed up to 5 days of unrestricted coaching contact in the summer, between the end of school and July 31.

b) A reminder that varsity and junior varsity coaches can have coaching contact with 8th grade students on down up until the point of those 8th graders actually starting their 9th grade year. Someone designated as a frosh coach cannot have coaching contact with the 8th graders except as a part of the approved unrestricted contact days.

3) Remember that schools cannot be involved in out-of-season sports activities for students in grades 10-12. The only ex-

ception is during the summertime within the unrestricted coaching contact period. School facilities are sometimes used by nonschool groups for out-of-season camps and clinics. If this is to be done Board of Education policy for nonschool use of the facility must be followed. This may involve rent, and it is advisable that those conducting the activity have insurance protection.

a) If conducted, a nonschool camp should be available to students from surrounding areas and not just returning athletes at your school. An acceptable non-school program may not be restricted based on school and/or team status.

b) Out-of-season coaching rules apply.

4) Schools cannot conduct summer school classes in sports fundamentals, etc. in excess of the approved unrestricted contact days and community education is a school program with the same restrictions and exceptions.

5) Schools may issue uniforms and/or protective apparel for nonschool activity, only with formal approval of their school board or governing body.

6) Students must pay their own way to any camp, clinic, or specialized training. Nonschool groups can pay expenses related to actual competition, such as entry fees into summer leagues, e.g. The school cannot have any involvement with out-of-season camps, clinics or competition unless the activity is part of the approved unrestricted contact opportunity, is school

sponsored and available to all interested students on a voluntary basis.

7) Open gyms can be conducted in the summer but open gym rules apply including restricting students from other schools from attending.

8) Remind students of amateur status and all star rules. You may wish to ask students to contact you prior to participating in all summer sport activities so you can assess the activity and help protect their eligibility.

9) Remind students they must conclude their nonschool activity when the school season in that sport starts.

10) It is important to remind students and coaches that out-of-season and summertime activities must be voluntary. Taking or requiring attendance, providing incentives or connecting playing time and/or lettering requirements to out-of-season programs is prohibited.

11) A reminder that the academic eligibility requirements apply to spring tournaments and an athlete can become academically ineligible and miss the opportunity to play in a state tournament. Also, the period of ineligibility for the fall is 15 scheduled school days or 21 calendar days, depending on when school starts. The WIAA will publish a chart this spring to help you determine when eligibility is regained.

These rules apply to high schools. Some may also apply to middle level but the rules at the middle level are significantly different. These are not all-inclusive but hopefully will serve as a reminder in a number of important areas. Working to prevent the loss of athletic eligibility is always worth the effort. ■

High School Out-of-Season Concerns

WIAA Bylaw, Article II, Section 2, A., 2), indicates "A school may not assemble athletes or prospective athletes in physical education classes, or some other manner, for purposes of teaching fundamentals, techniques, plays, etc., except during the designated school season of a sport." This includes the summer period, meaning that schools cannot conduct a summer school class, or community education program, on basketball fundamentals, for their basketball players. It doesn't matter if the class is open to all students. The one exception is in the summertime during the Board of Control approved unrestricted contact period between the end of school and July 31 (5 days in all WIAA sports).

This same Bylaw has another provision, indicating "A school may not organize conditioning programs limited to students with athletic team status, or to prospective athletes, except during the designated school season of a sport." Off-season weight-training programs are fine, as long as they are not sport specific. If a weight-training program is conducted,

and is available to anyone interested, and the activities that go on are not sport specific, then it is acceptable under WIAA guidelines. There cannot, however, be incentives put in place to encourage athletes to be involved in these off-season programs. For example, it is not appropriate to indicate that any football player attending a given number of weight-training programs, will receive a T-shirt. It is also unacceptable for schools to provide a T-shirt to a basketball player, who attempts so many shots during the off-season. Another example, of unacceptable incentives, would be to include off-season activities into the determination of who gets to start during the season, or who gets to play, or for participation in these activities to be included in eligibility for a letter in that particular sport.

Captains Practices: WIAA Rules of Eligibility allow students to voluntarily assemble during the school year and in the summertime without school and/or coach involvement. These assemblies may sometimes be referred to as "captains practices." ■

Athletes and Photographers

WIAA athletes, and photographers, should adhere to these guidelines, relative to individual pictures. WIAA rules allow photographers to:

1. Display pictures of students in athletic wear (letter jackets, jerseys, uniforms, etc.) in their studio windows, on premises of studio and in connection with other photographic displays and exhibits.

2. Use pictures of students in athletic wear (as indicated above) in advertising brochures, postal cards, sample boards, collages, direct mailings, and similar situations.

3. Use pictures of students in athletic wear in advertising form in a publication (newspaper, magazine, etc.) or for television advertising, or names of students identified as athletes in radio advertising.

WIAA rules continue to prohibit athletes from:

1. Receiving the equivalent of cash or merchandise in the form of discounts in cost of pictures, waivers of sitting fees, free wallet-size photos, and similar inducements, if identified as an athlete or selected because of being an athlete.

2. Providing an endorsement, as an athlete, in any promotional event. ■

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 all students 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) ■

Coaches Participating Against Athletes in the Off-Season

Except during Board of Control approved coaching contact days, WIAA rules indicate that coaches may not provide sport instruction to, or have coaching contact with student-athletes during the off-season. This rule and its interpretation had prevented coaches from participating against their athletes in structured, non-school league competition, during the off-season. The WIAA Board of Control approved a request by the WIAA staff for a change in interpretation. The present interpretation allows coaches to participate against their athletes in league competition, organized by a non-school entity, during the off-season. This means a volleyball coach, for example, could be participating in a volleyball league which included his/her volleyball players as members of other teams.

It continues to be a violation of WIAA rules for coaches to participate on the same team as their athletes, in out-of-season play, and to be involved in playing pickup activity with their athletes during the off-season except in school sponsored Open Gyms. The other obvious exception to this is in the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer (must conclude by July 31 for fall soccer), softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling, during the summertime, when school is not in normal session. ■

Summer Contact

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 5 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.

In the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling, unlimited "non-school" contact may be used by coaches during the summertime. 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. An 'acceptable non-school program' is one which is not limited based on school and/or team status. Unlimited contact is open to any and all interested students in your community and other communities. No school monies and resources can be applied, schools cannot sponsor the events/activities. Use school support and facilities must be done in the same manner as any other non-school group such as 4-H, boy scouts, or local rotary.

During the summer, athletes may assemble

in manner they wish. During the school year, no activity in which students are participating should resemble a school team practicing or competing. During the summer, captain's practices are allowed provided the opportunity is voluntary and there is no school and/or school coach involvement. The Booster club is considered non-school.

What Types of Contact Allowances are Provided to Coaches in the Summer? Unrestricted Contact

Students on your school teams can assemble with coaches, school monies and resources can be used, schools can sponsor the events/activities.

- Contact is limited to 5 days from the last day of school until July 31.

- Days do not need to be consecutive but must be the same for all levels within a program.

Unlimited Non-School Contact (limited to certain sports)

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.

What Type of Contact Can Coaches Have With Their Athletes?

All Sport Coaches

- Unrestricted Contact (see definition above)

Baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling Coaches. **Unlimited nonschool coach contact for fall soccer must conclude by July 31.**

- Unrestricted Contact (see definition above)
- Unlimited Non-School Contact (see definition above)

How Can Athletes Assemble on Their Own? Summer (Last day of school until first day of school in the fall)

- During the summer, athletes may assemble in any manner they wish. There are no restrictions as to the number of athletes from the same school allowed on a given team.

- During the summer, captain's practices are allowed.

School Year (First day of school until last day of school)

- During the school year, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school and/or school coach involvement. Team makeup may not be restricted based on school or team status.

- During the school year, captain's practices are allowed provided the opportunity is voluntary and there is no school and/or school coach involvement. ■



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.

BASEBALL

Fox Valley Lutheran at Freedom May 5, 2012

Both teams hustled in and out of the dug-out, congratulated each other on a great doubleheader, and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout two hard-fought games. Specifically, we would like to recognize Jordan Jensen & Ryan Radue of FVL, along with Robert Ihssen & Kyle Biese of Freedom for their leadership by example and positive acts of sportsmanship throughout the contest.

Reporting Official: Brent Thompson

Valders at Reedsville May 2, 2012

This was a great conference game to work! The players played a great, efficient game. I want to specifically commend Valders first base coach, who was complimentary to the Reedsville first baseman when he made a good play. These are the types of games that every umpire wants to work!

Reporting Official: Ty Stoneburner

Appleton East at Kimberly April 27, 2012

We want to congratulate the team on their positive sportsmanship. Appleton East players Kam Gahr and Issac Pflum, as well as Kimberly players Ben Diedrick and Conner Kluge exhibited tremendous hustle, positive leadership of teammates and overall great sportsmanship with opponents, umpires, and coaches. These young men deserve to be recognized for their extraordinary positive behavior and dedication to their team. We wanted to make them aware we noticed and greatly appreciated it!

Reporting Official: Brent Thompson

Menasha at Neenah April 26, 2012

I am writing to thank the varsity baseball programs of Neenah and Menasha for their display of positive sportsmanship during this contest. Sam Erickson and John DeBruin of Neenah and Grady McHugh of Menasha displayed noticeable sportsmanship. Thank you for your help with the bats and for the words of encouragement that you gave your teammates.

Reporting Official: Phil Punzel

Athens at Abbotsford April 24, 2012

I feel compelled to report on two programs that are getting it right! It's been a long time since we've seen this kind of sportsmanship and class on display. Both teams are the model of what high school athletics are meant to be. Coaches, fans and parents we're positive at all turns. These two communities need to know how proud they should be of these baseball teams, their coaches and their athletes.

Reporting Official: Rich Hohl

Manitowoc Lutheran at Valders April 21, 2012

Although both teams displayed a rivalry and a desire to win the games of this doubleheader, both teams displayed an understanding of appreciation for the rules. Both teams' athletes acknowledged good plays by opponents and their behavior which was exceptional, they also showed respect for the officials and other players and coaches. Coaches of both teams have put forth an effort making sure that players and fans work together to be positive in order to properly represent their school and community. Both teams played by the rules and competed and accepted the results of the game--win or lose without any display of unsportsmanlike conduct. The young athletes coached by Charley Lemberger and Rick Aukamp of Valders and Dave Uhlhorn and Steve Menges of Manitowoc Lutheran are very fortunate individuals to have the tools to become a sportsmanship-minded leaders

Reporting Official: Pete Holm

Ripon at Wautoma April 16, 2012

I want to recognize some outstanding sportsmanship in this game. I was impressed with catcher Bryce Koehell (#10) and third baseman/pitcher Bryce Barnard (#5) of Wautoma. They exhibited great sportsmanship throughout the contest by hustling in and out of the dugout, quickly retrieving foul balls, and assisting opponents with their bats during or after an at-bat. The coaching staff and school district should be very proud of these young men. The Ripon team and coaching staff were very helpful during the pre-game discussion. I noticed Matt Putzer (#14) exhibiting great sportsmanship on numerous plays both at third base and while batting. He helped the catcher with his mask more than once and hustled in and out of the dugout every time.

Reporting Official: Brent Thompson

Oshkosh North at Appleton North April 10, 2012

The varsity boys baseball teams of these two schools displayed fine sportsmanship. I had the opportunity to work the plate for this contest, and I had an enjoyable experience. Thanks to Mike Harvut of Oshkosh North for the way you used your words to encourage your teammates. And, Brad Harreth of Appleton North, your help with picking up your opponent's bats was appreciated. Coach Eagan and Coach Schaefer I hope that you enjoy the rest of the season with the fine group of young men on your teams.

Reporting Official: Phil Punzel

Valders at Mishicot April 10, 2012

The sportsmanship and work ethic of the players on both teams was very obvious to us. The fans, players and coaches displayed very good sportsmanship, and it begins with the Coach Zach Sand and his assistant coach for Mishicot and Coaches Charley Lemberger and Rick Aukamp for Valders. It was witnessed that the coaches and players alike complimented each other, as well as their opponent. Job well done by the Mishicot and Valders coaches and players.

Reporting Official: Pete Holm

Sheboygan North at Oshkosh North April 5, 2012

I wanted to thank both baseball programs for a fine display of good sportsmanship. It was a great game with many examples of good sportsmanship. We wanted to specifically commend two young men for outstanding sportsmanship and leadership: Riley O Connor of Sheboygan North and Richie Nourse of Oshkosh North. We each noticed both of these young men hustling in and out of the dugout, down the first base line, retrieving foul balls, and helping opponents with bats and helmets. I was truly impressed with these two young men and how they lead their respective teams by positive example. Both school systems should be very proud of their teams, and each coaching staff for the positive display of sportsmanship before, throughout, and after the contest.

Reporting Official: Brent M. Thompson

Neenah at Green Bay Southwest March 24, 2012

It was a great game with many displays of positive sportsmanship. We noted Steve Law and John DeBruin of Neenah who believed in sportsmanship as a priority throughout the contest. Each of these men deserves recognition for congratulating opponents for a great play, hustling in and out of the dugout, helping teammates with helmets and bats, and finally, respecting their coaches and the umpires. Nice job men, you deserve recognition for your great attitude and positive

sportsmanship. Green Bay Southwest also had a player we felt went above and beyond to be good sportsman during this contest. First basemen and catcher Derrick Lemmens was always helping opponents retrieve their bats and was very respectful of coaches and umpires. He was supportive of his team and of opponents who made a nice play or hit the ball well

Reporting Official: Brent M. Thompson

SOFTBALL

Prairie du Chien at Richland Center April 24, 2012

It was a pleasure umpiring this game. Players from both teams exhibited great sportsmanship. The respective coaches were positive in their comments to the players, and the players hustled to their positions.

Reporting Official: Jerry Schewe

Pacelli at Peshtigo April 21, 2012

I was umpiring behind the plate and heard nothing but good comments throughout the game. Communities, principals, athletic directors, coaches, teammates and fans can be proud of the sportsmanship both teams displayed today. I would like to point out two individual players that I had the pleasure to officiate. For the home team, Peshtigo's #10 Stuart and Pacelli's #10 Hannah Skibbs. Both are the catchers. They would remember good hit and congratulate the batter when crossing home plate. Skibbs was very considerate of the

batters, and would retrieve the bat on foul balls and hand them to the batters. Coach Shields from Pacelli and Coach Christianson of Peshtigo should be proud of their teams and these to athletes.

Reporting Official: James Kostura

Phillips at Butternut April 17, 2012

The Butternut pitcher was having a difficult time throwing strikes. After walking nine or 10 Phillips batters and being replaced, she went to play 2nd base. During the pitching change, the Phillips head coach, Blake Edwards, walked over to talk to his runner on second base and asked me if he could talk to the Butternut pitcher. At first, I was puzzled as to why he'd want to talk to the former pitcher. I asked him why, and he replied "I don't know if it would be poor sportsmanship to talk to her during the relief pitchers warm-ups, but he thought he could help her with her delivery." I told him it would be fine, so he walked over to her, put his hand on her shoulder, and explained a few things. Although she was obviously upset at her performance and shed a few tears, she nodded affirmatively several times. Blake's last words to her were "You have nothing to be ashamed of, just keep working hard." Blake also showed great sportsmanship other times throughout the game. This is his first year as coach of the softball program and has certainly gotten off on the right foot!

Reporting Official: Rick Frischmann

TRACK & FIELD

Northwestern Invitational April 23, 2012

While starting the 100-meter dash, in a triangular meet being held at the Gordon L. Nelson complex at Northwestern High School, Lindsey Anttila of Northwestern encouraged an autistic athlete from Ironwood, Mich. to do her best. After the start I overheard her say, "good for you" several times. This is such a positive thing as an official to hear. The young lady from Ironwood finished last in her heat, but first in the heart of Lindsey Anttila. I felt this was an outstanding example of sportsmanship on her part.

Reporting Official: Mike Jahn



High School Ice Hockey Rules Changes Focus on Penalties for Hits from Behind

In an effort to promote safer play and minimize the risk of injury, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Ice Hockey Rules Committee approved changes that will strengthen the language for checking from behind.

Rule 6-7-1 states, "No player shall push, charge, cross-check or body-check an opponent from behind in open ice," and a violation would result in a minor and misconduct penalty. Rule 6-7-2 also states, "Hitting from behind into the boards or goal frame is a flagrant violation," and a violation calls for a game disqualification.

The checking-from-behind change was one of five rules revisions approved by the rules committee at its April 23-24 meeting in Indianapolis. The changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Dan Schuster, NFHS staff liaison to the Ice Hockey Rules Committee, said that player safety was the main factor in the rules change.

"Because of the attention being given to

dangerous play, the committee really took a hard look at the severity of injuries caused by these hits," he said. "The reason behind the rule is more about addressing a change of culture in high school hockey, and players, coaches, officials and fans need to understand the consequences of these hits."

Two additional rules changes will affect the goal crease. First, the high school goal crease will now have a different look, matching the crease used by both the National Hockey League and National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Also, Rule 6-23-4 now states, "no attacking player shall stand on the goal-crease line or in the goal crease if, in the opinion of the official, the player physically prevents the goalkeeper from defending the goal."

According to Schuster, this rule is meant to eliminate unnecessary whistles that stop play when a player is in the crease but has no effect on the goalkeeper.

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"As long as a player isn't physically disrupting or visually impeding the goalkeeper, he or she can stand in the crease," he said.

Additional rules changes were:

Rule 5-2-3: Officials will now be required to wear a half face shield on their helmets, effective in the 2013-14 season. All other official uniform requirements remain the same.

Rule 3-3-4: If a team challenges the opposing goalkeeper's equipment, the official should not stop play to measure but should report the challenge to the state

association. This rule was amended to limit stoppages of play.

According to the NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, ice hockey is the 14th-most popular boys sport at the high school level

with 36,912 participants in 1,612 schools. An additional 9,022 girls participated in the sport at 578 schools. ■

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Basketball State Tournament from page 1

No determination will be made on the location of the girls tournament beyond 2014 until the opportunity to experience the tournament at the Resch Center can be evaluated.

The recommendation will require the 2013 and 2014 State Boys Basketball Tournament to be played on the second weekend in March followed by the girls tournament on the third weekend. This will allow the tournaments to return to the preferred weekends with an adjustment in the order of the tournaments to accommodate open weekends at the Kohl Center.

The change in venue and schedule is necessary because of scheduling conflicts with the University of Wisconsin athletics schedule for 2013 and 2014. The traditional weekend of the Boys State Basketball Tournament in the Kohl Center has been reserved for the Western Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs in 2013. In addition, the third weekend in March is expected to be reserved in 2014 for the NCAA Women's Frozen Four.

The Kohl Center has been home to the

boys tournament since it opened in 1998 with a seating capacity of 17,230. The girls tournament has been held in the Kohl Center the past three seasons and in 1998, 2001, 2003 and 2005. The UW Fieldhouse (2002) and Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center (2004, 2006-09) have also hosted the girls tournament over the past decade.

The Resch Center, opened in 2002, has been the host venue for the WIAA State Girls Volleyball Tournament since 2002. With a seating capacity of 9,343 for basketball, the Resch Center is the home of the UW-Green Bay men's basketball games. In 2004, the Resch Center was named Tour Guide Magazine's Best New Venue in 2004. It was also ranked by Pollstar as one of the top 100 buildings in the world and has hosted NCAA tournaments, most recently the NCAA Men's Hockey Regional this winter.

In other Board action in April, it also authorized the anticipated move of the State Summer Baseball Tournament to Concor-

dia College in Mequon this summer. The new format features a one-day tournament with semifinal games followed by the championship final Friday, July 20. The tournament has been held at Bukolt Park in Stevens Point since 1989 when it moved from West Bend, which was the initial location of the tournament from 1965-1988.

In addition, the State Girls Golf Championships in 2012 will be played at Cherokee Country Club in Madison if renovations to the course at University Ridge, the location of the meet since 1994, have not been completed.

The Board also voted to approve the appointments to the Officials Advisory Committee, a state association adaptation to the NFHS rules regarding advertising and commercial markings on football fields and a new commercial venture with the WIAA's awards supplier ESCO.

Among the other topics discussed was the agenda for the 2012 Annual Meeting, the recently passed legislation regarding concussions and online ticketing for spring State tournaments. ■



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were explained and motions are made to the affirmative. Dr. Labecki explained Robert's Rules of Order govern if not inconsistent with the WIAA Constitution. The authority of the Board of Control to designate a time and place for the meeting was reviewed. Written notice of the Annual Meeting shall be provided 30 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. The Constitution states the President of the Board of Control shall chair the meeting. A delegate may speak by going to the microphone, being recognized by the chair; give his/her full name and the name of the school represented. The Constitution of the WIAA states "a proposed amendment to the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules of Eligibility of this Association may originate (1) at the Annual Meeting of this Association, (2) in the Board of Control, (3) in the Advisory Council or (4) by petition in writing by the district administrator or high school principal of at least 10 percent of the member high schools." He also explained if a proposed amendment develops at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of schools represented, action to add it to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility cannot be taken until the next Annual Meeting or, if the membership decrees, at a special emergency Annual Meeting.

Proposal #1—Withdrawing from a Conference
CONSTITUTION—Article VI, Powers and Duties of the Board of Control, Section 10, D. 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. **A motion was made by Jim McClowry, Sun Prairie and seconded by Stephanie Hauser, Stevens Point to support the amendment. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a 295-35 vote.**

Proposal #2—Conference Realignment
CONSTITUTION—Article VI, Powers and Duties of the Board of Control, Section 10, A and Conference Alignment. This change would clarify realignment actions. A motion was made by Linzi Gronning, Holmen and seconded by Nic Been, Saint Croix Central to support the amendment. There was no discussion. **The motion was approved by a 311-19 vote.**

Proposal #3—School Withdrawal During the Tournament
BYLAWS—Article I, Sports Program, Section 5, C and Article II, School Competition and Practice Requirements, Section 6, A, 2) and corresponding changes in Rules of Eligibility, Article I-General, Section 5-Penalties for Violation of any and all Eligibility Requirements, A, 3). This change would provide a forfeit to the opponent of any school withdrawing from a tournament for any reason other than a violation. A motion was made by Brian Smith, Waunakee and seconded by Mike Chapes, Oregon.

Shawn Groshek, Adams-Friendship asked if a wrestler cannot make it to state because of H1N1, will that individual's opponent get a forfeit? Wade Labecki answered the most recently defeated will advance and in wrestling they are automatically replaced up into sectionals. Forfeits apply in other sports unless otherwise addressed by sports specific committees. **The motion was approved by a 314-18 vote.**

Proposal #4—Penalties for Coaches Meeting and Exam

BYLAWS—Article VIII, Coaches Qualifications, Section 4, A and B. This change would impose a penalty on a coach who misses the sport meeting or does not complete a sport exam. Back in 1982, the Board of Control removed penalties and placed this in local control. This proposal was advanced because with

the ability to track video reviews and exam results, WIAA staff see the failure of coaches to fulfill this requirement. It was noted 13 out of 20 coaches who had teams advancing to state for Girls Basketball did not meet this requirement. Prohibiting the head coach from coaching in that season's WIAA tournament serves as an incentive to meet this requirement. A motion was made by Greg Lampe, Oak Creek and seconded by Dan Hein, Wausau West to support the amendment.

Stephanie Hauser, Stevens Point felt since there were considerable Web site issues this year, suggested we hold off for a year to see how new Web site goes. She asked if reminders are sent and was advised they have been and will continue to be sent.

Others echoed the sentiment that one year was too early, we need to get Web site corrected and coaches need material in timely manner. Wade Labecki reassured all that the Web site will be updated and exams will be out there. He pointed out the baseball exam was available on January 13, so coaches had January, February and March to complete the exam and reminders will be sent at the beginning of the season. The suggested deadline will be the Friday prior to first tournament game.

Mike Lipp, Madison West felt the remedy seems odd when there is a removal of a coach and then to replace the coach with a district person who still has to take the exam. He felt the need to have the window open more and that this change was too soon.

Ken Clinton, Brookwood felt this was ultimately punishing the kids. Dave Anderson encouraged the membership to reflect on the fact that the Constitution requires coaches view sports meetings and take exams, that is not to be negotiated and it outlines sanctions to be applied. This is encouraging greater compliance and allows kids to play. The WIAA executive staff acknowledges all opinions and perspectives but the membership must understand the broader picture that coaches shall take the test. The Constitution outlines sanctions for noncompliance.

Len Collyard, Kettle Moraine Lutheran, felt there needed to be an improved Web site and an improved test itself. The test is unrealistic, picky and too long. Coaches are busy people so the tests should be modified.

Paul Rozak, Stratford, agreed we need to find out for sure the Web site is going to work. He shared his experience with the track test and the need to redo it numerous times. He felt it would be wonderful to bring this back next year. If the Web site is doing what it should be doing, coaches could be flagged for those who did complete the test and reminded via email. Wade Labecki reassured all that the new Web site will address all of those issues and this amendment is meant to encourage coaches to be in compliance.

Gene Strusz, Fox Valley Lutheran, stated the deadline should be before competition and not during tournament time. Coaches should be suspended early in the season and make them comply so they can coach in the tournament.

Dave Cohen, Oakfield, shared how his Board of Education encouraged him to vote in opposition so this could be managed and penalized at the local level. He raised a question about paragraph B and how he was not sure which coach was being penalized if head coach does not take exam. Wade Labecki explained this only applies to head coach. Mr. Cohen asked if head coach did not take the exam, if nonvarsity coaches have to sit out. Wade Labecki reiterated nonvarsity and assistant coaches are under local control.

Todd Schroeder, Winneconne, suggested suspending the coach at the start of season and keeping it in effect until he/she takes the test. The current test is designed for all coaches to take individually. In the past, he has encouraged coaches to take test as a group so there are an understanding of rules at all levels. With the current test, it makes it impossible to collaborate.

Brian Smith, Waunakee, asked if there is any consideration for any type of progressive discipline instead of the entire tournament series. Mr. Smith agrees with local control, but we don't want to tell another school how to handle employees as people will wonder why. He suggested a smaller penalty like the reduction of something like the coaching box, then local control kicks in and this would force administrations to answer questions. Are we seeing movement to sanctioning individuals and will this continue down the road? Dr. Labecki explained the reason the WIAA doesn't apply it to the regular season as the Association has domain over WIAA tournaments, not during the regular season. Schools can suspend during the regular season at local level. He went on to explain how 40 of the 51 state associations have some sort of penalty for not taking exam, 21 of those states have fines of some sort and 9 sit out game with 2 states for regular season games and 7 states for tournament series games. WIAA executive staff is not looking at sanctions for anything else at this time.

Tim Richie, Madison Memorial, agreed with the exam and would like to see the penalties earlier on. He would support some type of sanction but is concerned with no penalties for a coach not taking an exam and not advancing to state.

Dan Karius, Slinger, agree with exams, the ability to take them as a group, shorter exam as 100 questions is too long and getting the test simplified. He mentioned switching to 50 questions.

Karl Stoker, Westby, felt the Web site is guilty on this and he needs to see the Web site working. He reviewed what people said. All of this can be accomplished under local control and felt if this change is made, it diminishes the likelihood that local control will be asserted. We are quickly reaching the point of stark contrast. He would prefer to handle this locally rather than by the WIAA.

Kathy Bates, Xavier, recommended waiting a year, diminishing the number of questions and has never heard any talk about a certain passing grade or a certain percentage.

Rick Johns, University School Milwaukee, agreed with most said today but felt since there was not a deadline, it might be better to wait a year, evaluate this and determine a timeline.

Don Moreland, Mellen, confirmed once a coach takes a test, he/she could coach again.

A motion was made by Gary Rabach, Sturgeon Bay and seconded by Brian Matz, Menasha to return this to the committee level for consideration next year. Motion carried by a voice vote with no dissents noted.

Proposal #5—Team Assembly During School Year – Out of Season

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY—Article VI, Nonschool Participation, Section 2, A, B, C. This change removes the limitation on voluntary student assembly during the school year. A motion was made by Bryan Yager, Reedsburg and seconded by Steve Knecht, Kenosha to support the amendment.

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John Frizzell, Chippewa Falls had a concern with the wording in A and asked if there is a voluntarily assembly, they cannot be coached by any one. Wade Labecki explained someone could coach as long as they are not affiliated with the school. Then Mr. Frizzell recommended striking the words "or coach". **The motion was approved by a 258-72 vote.**

Proposal #6—Injured Athlete Participation in Awards Ceremony

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY—Article VII, Health and Behavior/Compliance, Section 3, E. This change allows an injured athlete to participate in an awards ceremony if he/she is included on the roster. A motion was made by Eric Plitzuweit, Burlington and seconded by Sandy Freres, The Prairie School to support the amendment.

Mike Lipp, Madison West, shared how his school replaces injured athletes right away and asked if this is saying they cannot be replaced? Mr. Labecki explained how this applies to the athletes suited and allows for injured players if they are on the roster. Schools may buy additional medals.

Todd Sobrilsky, Brookfield Central, expressed how there are injured reserved lists in the NFL/NBA, etc., this penalizes the injured, and how substitutions are made and felt this is ridiculous.

The motion was approved by a 313-19 vote.

Editorial changes to WIAA Tournament Policies were presented. Editorial changes are attempts to clarify existing rules without making changes in the rules. The change may be merely a word(s) or the addition or deletion of a sentence, while in other cases, the change may reflect recent Board of Control interpretation of membership wishes. The change to the WIAA Tournament Policies placing campaign items on the list of prohibited activities/materials focuses the attention on the event and the participants in it.

A motion was made by Greg Smith, West De Pere and seconded by Kathy Bates, Xavier to approve the editorial change. There was no discussion. **The motion was approved by a vote of 323-7.**

The individuals who assisted with collecting the amendment ballots were thanked. They included Kris Allison, Westosha Central; Greg Harvey, Wausau East; Tim Treder, Shoreland Lutheran; Molly Hengst, Oostburg; Blane Senn, Birchwood and Nanette Murray, Plum City.

Director's Report

Dave Anderson presented the Director's Report and informed the membership that the staff will blog after this morning's discussions. He commented on the contents of the Annual Meeting brochure and how it is another method to increase communication, will be placed on the Web site and another instrument to make the WIAA more transparent. Mr. Anderson shared how the WIAA has 117 years of existence and has a time honored tradition providing testimony to school leadership, to caring and always to hope.

Open Forum

Each year at this meeting we set aside time for the member's Open Forum. This is the time and opportunity for the Board, Executive Staff and our collective membership to hear what's on your mind. This important, open conversation, in many ways actually begins the new year for the WIAA by identifying some of the topics and issues that will be discussed, worked on, and brought forward through the democratic committee process in the months ahead.

Please give us your name and the name of your school when you step to the microphone.

Stephanie Hauser, Stevens Point, asked if the WIAA will issue a concussion information sheet and Mr. Anderson answered yes and Wade Labecki will address this later.

Bryan Yager, Reedsburg, asked when the amendments will take affect? They will be put in the spring Bulletin and when it is published, it will be effective. Todd Clark indicated it would come out in May.

Steve Masseeth, Valley Christian, inquired about international students in middle school and seeking permission not to lose a year of eligibility. Dave Anderson shared how there have been internal conversations about matriculation of an international student that doesn't necessarily at this time confirm with our current rules for eligibility with respect to resident and transfer. Executive staff is aware of this concern.

Jim McClowry, Sun Prairie, stated how Sun Prairie had its first wheelchair athlete this year. The boy's wheelchair was donated to him so this would not be in compliance with WIAA rules. Can there be some consideration for relief in this situation for wheelchair bound athletes? Dave Anderson answered this runs into conflict with amateur status provisions but the wheelchair could be gifted to the school. Amateur status rules will be touched on later in the Director's Report. We will have conversation about it.

Jeff Byczek, De Pere, commented on when basketball went from 4 to 5 divisions, 4 schools advanced in Division 1, there used to be a random rotation of who played in quarterfinal games. He would ask that committee consideration be given to going back randomizing that. Dave Anderson stated that would be placed on the Sports Advisory Committee agenda.

Rick Johns, University school of Milwaukee, asked if amendment number 4 could look at a penalty for a school who has a coach which has not been certified advancing to state. Would there be suspension or coach not allowed to coach in that final game? Dave Anderson stated with the motion being referred back to committee, the present rules remain in place. Reminders are given and will continue until we find satisfactory resolution to concerns we all have. Mr. Johns asked that the conversation be broaden to have CNLT be part of it.

Mel Dow, Stoughton asked if schools could get results of the rankings along with the percentage completed. He felt this might help promote ranking of officials across the association. The RefRanking database affords us some capability to do that and we can look at this and talk about it was voiced by Mr. Anderson and he also shared a staff discussion on Monday about the disappointing performance of spring coaches in ranking officials. The most common complaint we get from officials is that they work contest and no one is ranking them.

Jay Hammes, Racine Horlick, welcomed all to take a Safe Sports Zone poster to share at their school.

Dave Anderson reminded all that members of the executive staff will be out in the fall at the Area Meetings. Our executive staff will stay following this meeting as long as anyone wants to visit.

Old Business

This portion of my report is to provide an update on some of the key topics and issues we've previously spoken with you about. It's been an incredibly busy year in our office . . . We began this year talking about a variety of topics at Area Meetings—under the head-

ing of Revenue and Cost Containment. I can report that none of the cost containment ideas—like season length, maximum number of games, travel, scheduling or scrimmages seemed to gain traction on a membership-wide basis.

From that then, we presume it is being addressed individually at the local level. Each of us are saving and reallocating dollars in order to continue meeting the demands and expectations of those we serve.

Our discussion of increasing **revenue** resulted in a membership fee survey, which has been completed and provided to you.

We also surveyed and discussed quite extensively the idea of charging admission for spring tournaments in baseball, softball and track & field. Despite some considerable membership support (273 voted yes), the Board elected to not approve moving in that direction at this time. I can tell you that in rejecting the idea, the Board was extremely sensitive to the current economic state of school families. I can also tell you that the survey indicated approximately half of the membership (230) are already charging admission at spring events. There is no prohibition on it - I encourage you to consider it. The revenue is yours to keep.

Once again this fall—as we have repeatedly—these past few years, we reminded you about the **ILC**—and protecting your name and brand. When we last spoke only a handful of you had reached agreement with the ILC. In my most recent conversation with Ron Brent, about two months ago, he indicated that there were now about 50 schools signed on. We've talked enough about the ILC. We like the fact that you receive 60% return from those who would use your brand for their own gain.

I can also tell you that some of you may begin hearing from another licensing organization called LRG. LRG is a group that's been around in other states for about the same length of time as the ILC. Based in Michigan, the LRG is an official partner with the NFHS.

The WIAA and all of our neighboring states at first chose to not engage with the **LRG**—out of principle. The original business model for LRG provided that schools would only receive about 40% of the revenue generated through their licensing agreement, with both the NFHS and the state association each receiving about 10% of the generated revenue. We simply did not feel it appropriate for the WIAA to take revenue from you through this program. Thus, our endorsement of the ILC—where revenues are shared 60-40 between the school and the licensing partner.

Just the same, as we continue to look for ideas that may help a member generate additional revenue, recent changes to the LRG model now allow the State Association to "opt-out" of receiving a percentage of revenue. Directing that revenue instead back to the school. The net result is more near a 50/50 split between the school and LRG and the NFHS. As a result of this change in their operations model, the WIAA will no longer block LRG from doing business within our membership.

This is not an endorsement of LRG—though the reports of their first few years of business would suggest they are of quality and integrity. I look upon this as providing our members with choices and opportunities to consider. All in the vein of trying to help schools find a few more dollars to help you carry on your important work.

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Regardless of whether you might consider the ILC or LRG or some other licensing group—we will, once again encourage you, as strongly as we possibly can—to begin looking into protecting your name and brand. Though our conversations of this topic have primarily focused on revenue for schools—keep in mind protecting your brand is not only about revenue.

This is also about your school's image, your identity and messaging.

Right now there are about 7-8 on-line retailers (and probably more) who pay nothing to your schools and think nothing of creating a box full of sweatshirts for East Mossy Rock High School Drinking Team—or Nude Beach Volleyball Team. I strongly believe you need to seriously consider having this conversation within your administrative team. Your brand, your image and your message speak to the quality of your people, your school and community. Protect it.

For the past 3 ½ years, we've been updating you on the on-going litigation between the WIAA and the **Wisconsin Newspapers Association and Gannett**. We were most pleased when late this past November the window for appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court of the WIAA's favorable determination by the 7th Circuit Court finally closed. This was a case that held not only the interest, resources and attention of the WIAA—but also the concerns of every State High School Association in the country. As recently as just last Thursday, along with WIAA legal counsel, I presented what we hope will be the closing summary of this case to the Executive Directors and legal counsel from approximately 40 other states, at the NFHS Legal Meeting in Indianapolis. We are, understandably, happy with the result. But we are also glad to move on.

Throughout the year, I've spoken to many of you about a **workman's comp claim paid to an injured sport official** by a member school that was in excess of \$40,000. Given that we have long believed officials are independent contractors, this is an enormous concern to us and as I reached out to others, found it was of equal concern to a substantial coalition of other concerned sports providers, including: WAHA, State Association of Park and Recreation Directors, Wisconsin Youth Soccer, Wisconsin AAU, and NASO. We were very encouraged when Rep. Jason Fields looked at the concern and drafted legislation. The bill was even scheduled for public hearing—when we learned that a bill to create a workman's comp exemption is typically vetted by a non-governmental, labor and compensation committee. Learning that this bill was rapidly moving forward and not having been vetted by the committee, we began hearing concerns from the insurance industry. As those concerns escalated, the Bill was pulled from the hearing agenda.

Though disappointed, the coalition of sport providers remains intact and committed to resurrecting this issue and going through the prescribed protocols in order to have our concerns heard in the next legislative cycle. I will continue to keep you informed and will call upon you for your help when it's needed.

The state's new **concealed carry law** is a topic that has many of us still weighing through the information, opinions and local policy and ordinance. I have written the State Attorney General and had exchanges with several member schools. Mr. Labecki and I attended a seminar on the topic and we've sat down with WIAA legal counsel to discuss whether we need a membership-wide policy for WIAA tournaments. To this point in time, I have not yet received a definitive "yes"

or "no" from counsel. As a result, I can only share with you that our interest, learning, and conversations on this topic continue. For the present then, I can only advise you to adhere to your school's provisions, follow your local ordinances or a venue's own policy when hosting a WIAA tournament.

Before moving to New Business, there's one more item of Old Business to be shared. For almost three years the membership has been engaged in a conversation about **football**. A conversation that began with the idea of football districts and a concern for our structural design for ending regular season play and launching our playoff series. Many other ideas came and went over the course of this conversation. The Board established an ad hoc committee to focus on the topic.

I want to invite WIAA Deputy Director, Wade Labecki, to reaffirm the outcomes of that committee's work as it relates to the season ahead.

We will talk more in-depth about 8-man football and football seeding in New Business. Mr. Labecki shared how the Football ad hoc committee met three times. Their meeting minutes may be found on the football sports page along with their proposals. Eight-player football resulted. We are going to stay with 9 games, but in 2012 there will be 8 games. In 2013 and beyond, we are back to early start and 9 games. The Ad Hoc Football plan advanced but was defeated at the Sports Advisory Committee, Advisory Council and Board of Control levels.

New Business

As busy as this past year has been, early indications suggest 2012-13 will be no less challenging or rewarding. Included in the list of topics we look forward to engaging you on are:

- Your amateur status rule and its consequences.
- The non-school competition rule and consequences. Like the out-of-season assembly rule you addressed here, earlier today, these are rules that have been on the members' "books" for a long, long time and we feel are due for in-depth membership review and discussion.

A topic which thrust itself into our New Business discussion is the **State Basketball Tournament** venues. This is a topic that was not even on our radar as we began the current school year. But it's been a conversation we've needed to have—given initial indications that the Kohl Center would not be available on the traditional days and dates to host our State Individual Wrestling Tournament and Boys and Girls Basketball.

I am delighted to tell you that as a result of on-going efforts and discussions with the UW Athletic Department, the UW Chancellor's Office and many representatives from the City of Madison—and Dane County—including the Mayor and County Executive, most of the conflicts originally identified to us have been removed. For this, we are grateful to all those who committed to creating real and workable solutions.

There were many other positive outcomes from this now near-8 month long effort. One of them has been the opportunity to get to know our friends in the Green Bay community and the staff of PMI—that manage the Resch Center, much, much better. Friends who stood and stand—at the ready to help us run our winter state tournaments—on our traditional days and weeks, when

it appeared the Kohl Center would not be available. The WIAA is grateful to our friends in both Madison and Green Bay—as we are for friends in all the communities that help us host our state championships.

As I said, through much dialogue and tremendous effort most of the obstacles at the Kohl Center have been removed. But for the near term, 2013 and 2014—the potential for conflicts with our traditional boys basketball weekend remain.

In 2013, the WCHA Hockey Tournament could compromise the boys tournament. The UW has also bid to host the women's frozen 4 hockey championships and indications are that they will host it in 2014.

It has been these remaining conflicts which have necessitated taking alternative actions in order to preserve the Kohl Center for the boys tournament—the best venue we can identify for crowds in excess of 10,000—and still provide a premiere venue for our girls state finals.

I hope you might believe that Deb and I, along with the Board of Control have given due diligence to this challenge—and are looking forward to continuing these tournaments with both the best interests of basketball and the greater WIAA membership as our top priorities.

I'd like to ask Deb to provide some additional thoughts and details on the recommendation approved by the Board, yesterday that will see our Girls State basketball Tournament relocate to the Resch Center in Green Bay in 2013 and 2014 and preserve the Boys State Finals at the Kohl Center.

Deb Hauser explained how the date changes are necessary to have the boys go before the girls next year. The boys season will start November 5 and the girls November 12 with State for the boys on March 7-8-9 and girls on March 14-15-16. In 2013-14, the boys start November 11 with State being on March 13-15 while the girls start November 18 and conclude with State on March 20-22. Schools will need to slide everything earlier for 12-13 and 13-14 and have seven months to make adjustments. Ms Hauser recommended scrutinizing the end of the schedule and make adjustments as needed. There may be some overlap with the end of fall sports.

Green Bay is an awesome opportunity for the girls tournament as the size of facility works well with crowds and the enthusiasm is incredible from PMI. There are no commitments beyond 2014. We don't envision changing the format of the girls tournament. Dave Anderson and Deb Hauser have spent 8 months in conversation and it would be impossible to share everything that went into this decision. Think about this as you discuss this with coaches, athletes, and community members. We did not go looking to change venues but were forced to make decisions on the availability or non-availability of a venue. Given the size, the boys tournament does not fit into the Resch Center without 3,000-4,000 fans not being able to access it and we would have to turn people away on Friday and Saturday. To preserve the use of the Kohl Center for the boys tournament, we needed to shift dates and the best available venue for the girls was the Resch Center. The Resch Center is the most modern, technology-friendly venue for our girls to play basketball.

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Handicapped accessibility was not a major issue years ago. We were unable to find space at the Field House to accommodate fans in wheelchairs. We are used to electronic displays at the Kohl Center and something similar can be accomplished at the Resch Center. When we look at what is the best available facility, the Resch Center comes to the top of the list. Equity was considered and discussed at length; this is not about a city but how to grow the girls tournament. Specific questions should be directed to Deb. Let's attempt to bring back numbers for the girls' tournament and boost basketball in state. We appreciate your support.

Summer Baseball, 8 player football and a change in seeding the Football Playoffs are all current topics that Mr. Labecki has been keeping busy with. To report on the status of those topics is Mr. Labecki.

Mr. Labecki explained how 8-player football is now a recognized football opportunity for schools. To date, 16 teams have signed up and the deadline is May 1. The Jamboree will place north against south. The coaches in 11-player football will seed with the same division splits and the divisions will be divided into eight teams. Once the four sections are determined, that will be posted and then 1-8 seeds established based on criteria. The NFHS has taken off restrictions on field advertising, but schools must still comply with membership advertising regulations.

The Dairyland Conference has dropped summer baseball so we are down to 56 teams. The Board approved the movement of the tournament to Kapko Park in Mequon with a reduced field of four sectionals. The state tournament will be held on July 20.

Responding to a persisting request and compelling argument by the boys volleyball coaches, the Board of Control took a bold leap—in approving a plan that will now provide for **seeding at the Boys State Volleyball Tournament**. This marks a significant shift in Association philosophy. And marks the beginning of conversations that will undoubtedly take place in other WIAA sports in the months and years ahead.

I've asked Marcy Thurwachter to provide us a summary of this change in boys volleyball State Tournament procedures.

Marcy Thurwachter explained how twice in recent years, Boys Volleyball coaches have asked to seed the boys volleyball tournament. There are 50 boys volleyball teams and she shared their locations and how they play each other frequently. Under the leadership of Ben White of Middleton, a grid was developed which showed the number of times each of the teams played each other. Coaches will rank top four teams during their pre-state conference call and the other four teams will be randomly drawn. We are looking forward to this and she invited all to the Boys State Volleyball Tournament and felt seeding will enhance it.

Without question, one of the most important lessons available to students through the medium of sport is learning the broad meaning and value of sportsmanship. WIAA Communications Director, Todd Clark is again planning this year's **Sportsmanship Summit** and I've asked him to give us an update . . .

Todd Clark explained how exciting it is to provide another opportunity to hold the sixth Sportsmanship Summit. It will be held on December 5 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point. The cost per team of 6 individuals is \$125. The meeting format includes a keynote

speaker at 9:00 a.m., five breakout sessions an afternoon keynote address with the day concluding by 2:30 p.m. Programming information will be emailed this summer.

Mr. Clark also reminded all that the deadline for student video presentation is May 18 with past winners displayed on Web site and on YouTube. All should check out the link "In the News".

As education and this membership evolve, adapt and forge into this still young and new century, we increasingly look to technology to enhance our efforts. In Association work—as in many other businesses and organizations our Web sites have become central to our efforts, to our identity and to communication. To this point in history, the WIAA has been able to maintain our **Web site** largely through on-staff determination—and a little help from friends. But in the past two years, as we have turned to on-line rule meetings, on-line testing demands instantaneous results and information. It has become painfully obvious that we needed "outside" expertise if we were to continue to meet the needs and expectations of our members and consumers.

With unanimous Board support, the staff searched across the country to find the right help to rebuild and redesign our Web site.

Deb Hauser has spearheaded that effort and is here to tell us more about it . . .

Ms. Hauser began by stating the WIAA staff recognize the defects in the current Web site and apologized for the inefficiencies of the current site. Our current site is incorrectly structured. We are well on the way to having a new Web site available. Staff is going to be trained on how to structure and design pages. Enhancements are being made to make your jobs easier. The WIAA has formed a partnership with rSchool that will allow much of the information to migrate from the ADs rSchool page to our Web site. It will take some repetitiveness out of daily tasks in hope of making information more accurate and up-to-date. We will also have a new video and exam center and a new coaches' feature. Once the exam is completed and scored, it will populate back to the rSchool coaches page. The video and exam center will change and become more much functional. Todd Clark, Wade Labecki and Deb Hauser maintain our Web site, but have no formalized training. The Web site has become the main delivery and communications tool to the membership. Logins will all change and that will occur by the fall. We will reach out and help you. rSchool information will only need to be entered once and if a school is not using rSchool, there will be some double entry. Any questions, suggestions, please let the WIAA Executive staff know. Dave Anderson added we want to make this the most efficient and helpful tool for you.

There is one final item of New Business that is very current and definitely a topic we are going to be hearing more about in the coming year and likely, for years to come.

The record will show that long before the NFL and others began talking about neuro-trauma – **concussion** – the WIAA and its members were already taking action to safeguard adolescent student athletes. Of course, we've continued to learn even more as worldwide symposiums have been held throughout the past decade. From these conversations in Prague and Zurich

we have become more aware and informed of the nature of brain injury—and of particular interest, its affect on young athletes.

This past fall, the WIAA and members of our Sports Medical Advisory Committee were asked to provide input on a Bill being developed here in Wisconsin. The involvement of state legislators in this concern began in Washington State and continues to spread throughout the country. After testifying to both, Assembly and Senate subcommittees and the persisting efforts of virtually every health care profession and organization in the state, just weeks ago the Governor signed into law—Act 172—making Wisconsin the 35th state to pass concussion legislation.

We welcome this new law, as well as the responsibility it places upon our shoulders. After all, it's about protecting kids—and placing their well-being first and foremost within our mission. As liaison to the WIAA's Sports Medical Advisory Committee Mr. Labecki has been "hands-on" and working with our MD's and coordinating efforts and ideas with DPI—our designated partner in this new law.

I've asked Mr. Labecki to give us a status report on this law and what it means to you.

Mr. Labecki explained once the law passed on April 2, guideline development began and now completed, are being reviewed by DPI legal counsel, after that, they will be shared with the WIAA's Sports Medical Advisory Committee. There will be an information sheet for coaches, for parents, and for athletes. Signs, symptoms, way to prevent and treatment will all be on our Web site and on the acknowledgement sheet. There will be one form for multiple sport coaches. Coaching education is not required but schools must inform coach of the law and the NFHS course is encouraged. Parents and athletes will need to acknowledge this each season. This is state law. If there is someone who coaches for your school and the American Legion, e.g., they must fill out forms for both the school and the American Legion. You may download and use WIAA forms. The law went into effect on April 16 so applies to summer baseball. Complete forms before beginning practice. This applies to athletes aged 0-19. Anticipate forms coming next week. This applies to organized athletic leagues and competition. Your responsibility by law is to make sure athletes in school program and their parents are educated.

Close

It is that time of year when you will soon be seeing your membership renewal forms. I want you to read it and think carefully about the membership commitment you are pledging to make. We are a voluntary, democratic, service organization—committing to a common goal and common good. Joining is a choice. By your membership you are asking to be a part of the greater organization. But with the benefits of membership come equal and proportionate responsibility and accountability.

As we renew our membership, each year we renew our commitment to each other and the challenging work we undertake. While there inevitably are frustrations each year of family life—our 117 year history of success must suggest there is benefit and value to being a part.

I told you—it's been a busy, busy year. As you can see from the topics covered in this report—our business
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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 \$35. 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. ■

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ber school from the Tournament Series in a sport for two years when that school voluntarily withdraws from a conference in that respective sport. The one exception would be football, which already has a four-year sanction. The membership passed the measure 295-35.

The second amendment impacting with conference implications adds clarity to the options and authority the Board of Control has in realignment proceedings. These options include total movement of member schools, sport-specific relief and/or scheduling assistance. The amendment passed soundly, 311-19.

Another of the approved amendments is a change to the membership's Bylaws. It grants a forfeit bye to the next opponent of any team that withdraws from tournament competition for any reason other than a rules violation. In 2010, the membership approved a rule that outlined the policy when scheduled classes are interrupted because of infectious and communicable disease. The former rule reinstated the most recently defeated team back into the tournament to replace the displaced team. Under the new rule, a bye will be issued for the next round's opponent. The membership voted 314-18 to pass the amendment.

A second proposed amendment to the Bylaws was deferred to committee. It originated as an effort to increase the required participation of coaches for annual sport rules meetings, the amendment would have prohibited head coaches from coaching their team in the WIAA Tournament if they neglected to view the rules video and/or does not complete the sport exam by an established deadline.

The membership also approved the editorial changes of the Constitution by a 323-7 margin. Editorial changes are only intended to clarify existing interpretations of the rules.

Other notable information presented in Executive Director Dave Anderson's report included results of a membership survey regarding admission for spring contests, protection of school brands, independent contractor and concussion legislation, new Web site development and the State basketball tournament venue determination announced Tuesday.

A total of 411 delegates from 349 schools were in attendance. The WIAA oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 506 senior high schools and 71 junior high/middle level schools in its membership. It sponsors 25 championship tournament series. For more information, please contact the WIAA office at (715) 344-8580. ■

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ness—both old and new has not lessened or diminished. And I need to tell you—Frankly—I see no end in sight—for undoubtedly, over the course of the year ahead there will be additional and unexpected challenges placed before us.

There are growing conversations on the national landscape about pre-season conditioning and acclimatization—and not only for football. Conversations about home school, charter and virtual school eligibility and about bullying. About Emergency Action Plans that must not only address responding to injury—but now—also to weather and to weapons and terrorist acts.

We will be doing our work amidst an evolving culture of public expectations. There is no such thing as "accidents" any more—someone is at fault. Someone is to blame . . . A time of perhaps, unprecedented scrutiny and diminished patience or empathy . . .

I share these observations, first—because they are true—and committing to this work has never been for the faint of heart. Our future will not contain fewer challenges.

I share these observations because I firmly believe that within every challenge—there resides an oppor-

tunity for those willing to look for it. For those with the ideas to conquer it.

I share these observations because I believe they underscore the importance of this membership. And being fully committed to this family provides all of us the help and support—at times—the safety net we need to face our individual challenges. We are here for each other—united through common belief and purpose. And we know our work is worthwhile—If we but look we see our good and positive results and successes all around us—every day. And when we are engaged and committed as a membership, there is no challenge we can't overcome . . .

On behalf of the staff and myself, I want to thank you for your dedication to education based athletics, to student athletes and to the WIAA.

It remains our humble honor to serve this membership. This concludes my report. Thank you for participating.

Todd Sobrisky announced as WADA's Leadership Training Coordinator shared at the registration table a form to sign up for the Summer Leadership Training Institute to be held July 10-12 at The Kalahari Convention Center in Wisconsin Dells. This information will

be available on the WADA Web site sometime this week.

A motion was made by Bob Sanders, Sparta and seconded by Jeff Thomas, Laconia to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried unanimously. ■

Ostertag Joins WIAA Executive Office Operations Staff



The WIAA welcomes Candace Ostertag to the operations staff beginning Monday, May 21. Her role on the staff will be serving as the administrative assistant to Associate Director Deb Hauser.

Ostertag's previous experience includes positions working in the areas of office support, customer service technical support, accounts payable and purchasing, and as a dental assistant. ■

Otte's Contributions a Treasure



**Matt Otte
(1925-2012)**

The WIAA family is saddened by the passing of Matt Otte, the longtime Executive Staff member who died April 25 of a stroke at the age of 86.

Matt left his legacy on the WIAA and all those whose lives he touched during his career with the WIAA and throughout his life.

He joined the WIAA staff as an administrative assistant in 1958 when the association's office was located in Marinette, Wis. He became the association's assistant secretary in 1961, and was named associate director in 1964 under Executive Director John Roberts. He handled all facets of office administration when Roberts was out of the office. He held that title until retiring in 1992 under former Executive Director Doug Chickering.

During his 34 1/2 years with the WIAA, Matt served numerous roles for the membership. He was responsible for the association's official publication *The Bulletin* and State Tournament souvenir programs. He also handled publicity responsibilities, eligibility issues, football playoff qualification, cooperative teams and non-certified coaches.

Considered the association's historian, Matt published *More Than A Game* in 1997, a 474-page book that chronicled the first 100 years of the WIAA. His research for the book dates back to the genesis of the association from accounts attributed to *The Milwaukee Journal*, *The Milwaukee Sentinel* and early editions of *The Bulletin*.

His strong conviction to the virtues of sportsmanship in interscholastic athletics was correlated with his character and integrity, as well as his caring and respect for others. He didn't blink or pull any punches when it came to his faith or sportsmanship.

In his editorial written for the Feb. 16, 1968, issue of *The Bulletin*, he paraphrased a well-known Biblical passage: "There is a time to get excited and a time to stay cool," he wrote. "The ability to stay cool in the heat of excitement is something more of us could use most of the time. Player, coach, spectator—it isn't easy! But it must rate top priority for all of us regardless of the circumstances. High school athletics can't exist on any other plane."

Prior to joining the WIAA staff, Matt worked as a sports writer and editor for nearly 10 years, most of

those at the *Stevens Point Journal*. He also worked at the *Kaukauna Times*, *Twin City News-Record* in Neenah/Menasha and the *Wausau Record-Herald*.

Matt's service to others went beyond the membership. He was active in the Stevens Point community and his church. While on the WIAA staff, Matt served eight years on the Stevens Point City Council. Following his retirement he continued to reside in Stevens Point and volunteered at St. Michael's Hospital and was active in the Senior Olympics program until 2009.

We miss Matt. His legacy on an entire organization will live as long as the WIAA exists. ■

Keep These Dates in Mind

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)
May 31 & June 2.....	Girls Soccer Regionals
June 1-2.....	State Track & Field Meet (La Crosse)
June 4-5.....	State Boys Golf (Madison)
June 4 & 7.....	Softball Sectionals
June 5.....	Spring Baseball Sectionals
June 7 & 9.....	Girls Soccer Sectionals
June 8-9.....	State Boys Team Tennis (Madison)
June 11.....	Sports Advisory Committee Meeting
June 12-13-14.....	State Spring Baseball (Appleton)
June 14-15-16.....	State Girls Soccer (Milwaukee)
	State Softball (Madison)
June 20-21.....	Advisory Council Meeting
June 21.....	Board of Control Meeting
July 10 & 13.....	Summer Baseball Regionals
July 16.....	Summer Baseball Sectionals
July 20.....	State Summer Baseball
August 1.....	Deadline for Paying Membership Dues
August 6.....	Earliest Day to Issue Football Equipment
	Earliest Day for Girls Golf Practice
	Earliest Day for Boys Soccer Practice
August 7.....	Earliest Day for Football Practice
	Earliest Day for Girls Swimming & Diving Practice
	Earliest Day for Girls Tennis Practice
August 9.....	Earliest Date for First Girls Golf Meet
August 10.....	Board of Control Meeting
August 11.....	Earliest Date for First Girls Tennis Meet
August 13.....	Earliest Day for Boys & Girls Cross Country Practice
	Earliest Day for Girls Volleyball Practice
August 14.....	Earliest Date for First Boys Soccer Meet
August 15.....	Earliest Date for First Girls Swimming & Diving Meet
August 20.....	Earliest Day for Boys Volleyball Practice
August 21.....	Earliest Date for First Girls Volleyball Match
	Earliest Date for First Cross Country Meet
August 23.....	Earliest Date for First Football Game
August 28.....	Earliest Date for First Boys Volleyball Match
September 3.....	Labor Day



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Test Dates

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

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

ACT - 2011-2012

Test Date	Registration Deadlines	
	Regular Deadline	Late Fee Required
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5-18, 2012

ACT - 2012-2013

Test Date	Registration Deadlines	
	Regular Deadline	Late Fee Required
September 8, 2012	August 17, 2012	August 18-24, 2012
October 27, 2012	September 21, 2012	September 22-October 5, 2012
December 8, 2012	November 2, 2012	November 3-16, 2012
February 9, 2013*	January 11, 2013	January 12-18, 2013
April 13, 2013	March 8, 2013	March 9-22, 2013
June 8, 2013	May 3, 2013	May 4-17, 2013

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

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