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## Roberts' Leadership and Vision Guided the Growth of WIAA



John Roberts

The WIAA family and friends are saddened by the passing of former Executive Director John Roberts on Dec. 15, 2012, in Stevens Point.

Roberts, 92, served 29 years as the Executive Director, beginning his term on Jan. 1, 1957 and retiring on Dec. 31, 1985. He was the third executive director of the Association, succeeding Clifford Fagan.

Among the many advancements of the Association under his leadership were the ushering in of girls sports

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## Board Approves Recommendations Impacting Fall Sports

### Soccer Moves to Four Divisions; Tennis Changes Required for Compliance with National Rules

The Board of Control reviewed and approved several recommendations impacting the season regulations in a number of fall sports at its January meeting today.

The most notable of the four changes impacting soccer was the Board's approval of a four division format for the State Tournament Series in the fall of 2013. Four schools will represent each division in the State Tournament. The move addresses the large enrollment disparities between the largest and smallest schools in Division 1. The new format places the largest 64 soccer playing schools in Division 1 and the next largest 64 schools in Division 2. The

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## On-Line Ticketing for 2013 Wrestling & Basketball Tournaments

Fans interested in attending the 2013 wrestling and basketball tournaments (boys and girls) will be able to purchase



their tickets online this year. Past season ticket holders and member schools were provided with the opportunity to purchase their tickets online this year in an attempt by the WIAA to streamline their ticketing process.

Beginning on Sunday, February 3 at 7 a.m., the general public will be able to purchase single session tickets for the State Individual Wrestling tournament by going to the WIAA website <[www.wiaawi.org](http://www.wiaawi.org)> and clicking on the sport of wrestling to

purchase tickets. The purchaser is able to print tickets at home, have the tickets mailed, or pick the tickets up at the Will Call window at the Kohl Center. Online tickets will be available for purchase through the entire tournament with some limitations. After midnight on Wednesday, February 20, tickets purchased online must be printed at home by the purchaser. Online



tickets will be available up until two hours prior to the start of any of the five sessions of the State Individual Wrestling Tournament. Tickets for each of the five sessions will also be available for sale at the Kohl Center ticket office

on the days of the tournament. The ticket window at the Kohl Center will not be open Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday the week of the tournament.

Beginning on February 11, the general public will be able to purchase all session tickets for the 2013 Boys State Basketball Tournament by going to the WIAA website and click on the sport of boys basketball. Beginning on February 21, the general public will have the ability to buy single session tickets for the boys basketball tournament. Similar to the individual wrestling tournament, purchasers will have access to tick-



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## Deadline to Announce Candidacy for Board of Control and Advisory Council Positions

Administrators at WIAA member senior high schools are reminded that February 26, 2013 is the deadline to announce their candidacy for positions on the Board of Control and High School Advisory Council.

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

Primary ballots (if needed) will be mailed March 5 with a return date of March 26. General election ballots will be mailed March 29 with a return date of April 16. Results will be an-

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# WIAA Winter State Tournaments Part of Your Farewell to Winter

Our Journey – Our Place – Our Time is the theme for the 2013 WIAA State Girls Basketball Tournament to be held Thursday-Saturday, March 14-16 at the Resch Center in Green Bay, Wis.

The theme and tournament logo designed by the PMI Entertainment Group Marketing Department embraces the idea of creating a place for the girls tournament to call their own and provide a tournament experience that those involved will treasure for a lifetime. This marks the first time the girls basketball State Tournament will be conducted outside of Madison in its 38-year history.

The State Girls Basketball Tournament will conclude the 2013 winter tournament series. The State Boys Swimming and Diving Championships ushers in the tournaments Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15-16 at the Natatorium on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Wrestling champions will be crowned on two separate weekends with the State Individual Wrestling Tournament scheduled for Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 21-23 at the Kohl Center in Madison and the State Team Wrestling Tournament slated for Friday and Saturday, March 1-2 at the UW Field House in Madison.

In addition to the team wrestling tournament, the State Boys and Girls Hockey Tournaments at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Madison, as well as the State Gymnastics Championships at Wisconsin Rapids High School make the first weekend in March one of the busiest State Tournament weekends of the year. The State Boys Basketball Tournament at the Kohl Center follows Thursday-Saturday, March 7-9. ■



## School Sports: Office For Civil Rights Clarifies Obligations To Students With Disabilities

The Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights issued information that clarifies a school district's existing legal obligations to provide equal access to extracurricular athletic activities to students with disabilities recently.

Along with the explanation of those legal obligations, the guidelines urge school districts to work with community organizations to increase athletic opportunities for students with disabilities, such as opportunities outside of the existing extracurricular athletic program.

According to the Office of Civil Rights release, "Extracurricular athletics—which include club, intramural, or interscholastic (e.g., freshman, junior varsity, varsity) athletics at all education levels—are an important component of an overall education program."

"The WIAA and its members have been including students with disabilities for decades," WIAA Executive Director Dave Anderson said. "Our attitude and approach will continue to be to embrace and find ways to follow the law and meet the needs and interests of our member schools as they seek to serve their students."

The WIAA, its member schools and the Department of Public Instruction have been including students with disabilities in the sports offered. The Pupil Nondiscrimination Guidelines for Athletics is joint publication produced by the DPI and the WIAA addressing The Wisconsin State Statutes of the administrative code.

<http://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/nondiscrimination.pdf>

In the Legal Overview section of the publication, it states "In

1985, the Wisconsin Legislature enacted section 118.13, Wis. Stats., which prohibits discrimination in public schools on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical mental, emotional, or learning disability. State courts have also created law regarding students' civil rights as courts reviewed cases under section 118.13, Wis. Stats., and the equal protection clause of the Wisconsin Constitution."

Member schools are advised to follow the guidelines provided by the Office for Civil Rights:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201301-504.pdf>

A summary of the five main points of the guidance are: 1) judge each athlete as an individual, 2) provide opportunity with modification (which does not change the game or provide an unfair advantage), 3) provide needed aids which extend to after-school programming, 4) inclusion with able-bodied, although separate, but equal may be acceptable and 5) expand inclusion, but the best players are still chosen.

The membership of the WIAA oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 507 senior high schools and 70 junior high/middle level schools in its membership. It sponsors 25 championship tournament series in 2012-13. For more information, please contact the Office of Civil Rights or visit the Pupil Nondiscrimination page on the WIAA website:

<http://www.wiaawi.org/Schools/PupilNondiscrimination.asp>

## 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 WIAA website updates.

In addition, the WIAA will again be collecting scores for all team sports and posting results on the WIAA website 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 website. Once logged-in, locate the "Tournament Information" section and then the "Tournament Series Information" option on each team sport page. Click on the link named "Season Statistics Template for State Publications" and "Roster Template for State Publications" and complete the form by using established tabs to navigate to the appropriate columns.

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

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





## Congratulations! 2012 Fall Tournament Officials

### CROSS COUNTRY

Jim Scott Sponholz, Eau Claire (Meet Referee); Loren M. Homb, Monroe (Starter); Dave Meyer, Fond du Lac (Starter); Dennis Meyer, Waukesha (Starter)

### FOOTBALL FINALS

Michael Beck, REF, Fond du Lac; John Hemauer, UMP, West Bend; Todd Jahns, L, Cedarburg; Tim Kemnitz, LJ, West Bend; Al Hochmuth, BJ, Germantown;

William Becker, REF, New Berlin; Robert Huck, UMP, Waukesha; David Dobke, L, Waukesha; Brad Barbee, LJ, Milwaukee; John Treacy, BJ, Wauwatosa

David Dewey, REF, Chetek; Scott Colby, UMP, Chetek; Gary Robarge, L, Eau Claire; Tim Prince, LJ, Ladysmith; Gary Pennington, BJ, Ashland

Doug Laurent, REF, Waukesha; Benjamin Ligocki, UMP, Waterford; Robert Popp, L, Waterford; Vince Diplaris, LJ, Waukesha; Gary Neibauer, BJ, Waukesha

Tim Lee, REF, Viroqua; Darin Geier, UMP, Westby; Andre Casabonne, L, Cashton; Craig Poshepny, LJ, Viroqua; Kelly Olson, BJ, Ferryville

Peter Porter, REF, Wausau; David Langbehn, UMP, Schofield; Mike Mathies, L, Weston; Peter Rank, LJ, Hatley; Gregg Langbehn, BJ, Rothschild

Randy Quade, REF, Friesland; Derrick Smit, UMP, Friesland; Jason Burmania, L, Sun Prairie; Jon Burmania, LJ, Waunakee; David Prochnow, BJ, Cambria

Standby Official – Ken Wagner, Prairie du Sac

### BOYS SOCCER

Greg Baugher, Chippewa Falls; Christopher Bizjak, Wausau; Barrett Britt, Delavan; Mark Herdeman, West Bend; Jay Koeber, Germantown; David Mader, Menasha; Brian McKay, Madison; Jamie Michalkiewicz, Appleton; Lance Reisen, Oregon; Ananda Sathasivam, Madison; John Sweeney, Wauwatosa; Anthony Voulgaris, Van Dyne; Tim Winn, Wauwatosa

### GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

**Division 2** – Referee – Susan Wagner, Brookfield; Diving Referee – Judy Linsley, Whitefish Bay; Starter – Heidi Szczupakiewicz, Muskego; Stroke Judge – Stacy Gould, Wausau; Turn Judge – Judy Linsley, Whitefish Bay; Turn Judge – Cathie Marty, Madison

**Division 1** – Referee – Susan Wagner, Brookfield; Diving Referee – Judy Linsley, Whitefish Bay; Starter – Stacy Gould, Wausau; Stroke Judge – Heidi Szczupakiewicz, Muskego; Turn Judge – Judy Linsley, Whitefish Bay; Turn Judge – Cathie Marty, Madison

### GIRLS INDIVIDUAL & TEAM TENNIS

Meet Referee – Sharon Terry

**Umpires** – Deb Clausen, Madison; Dan Drvaric, Waukesha; Matt Fehlhaber, West Bend; Jane Harker, Janesville; John Knox, Madison; Sue Kubichek, West Bend; Jon Nicoud, Fond du Lac; Jean Root, Muskego; Gary Schlei, Hartland; Will Schultz, Waukesha; Courtney Smith, Janesville; Bart Triefler, Glendale; Henry Thomas, Milwaukee; Mark VanderZanden, Appleton; Greg Venci, Wauwatosa; Robert Wilkins, Brookfield; Nancy Wilson-Schlei, Hartland; Jim Yoshida, Madison

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Linda J. Dahl, Pewaukee; Bob Grise, Franklin; James Hochevar, Hartland; Brian Marx, Milwaukee; Mike Pheifer, Neenah; Ryan Pheifer, Neenah; Jason Rieck, Glendale; Larry Schoenick, Waukesha; Wayne Sojkowski, Greendale; Kevin Voge, Union Grove

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Harry Babcock, Wisconsin Rapids; Jed Block, Appleton; Jeffrey De Boer, Onalaska; John Delsman, Manitowoc; Richard Delsman, Whitelaw; David Dykstra, Oostburg; Gary Gram, Menomonie; John Hartwig, Baraboo; Suzanne Helene, Webster; Lynn Isensee, Sparta; Mark Johnson, Tomah; Kenneth Kaczmarowski, Jr., Reedsburg; John Miller, Onalaska; Thomas Miller, III, Menomonie; John Nesladek, Random Lake; Dianne Pacolt, Menasha; Jason Rieck, Glendale; Jeff Sears, Appleton; Karen Sorenson, Spooner; Kevin Voge, Union Grove ■

## Officials Advisory Committee Openings

Openings for 2013-14 on the Officials Advisory Committee will exist in the sports of baseball, basketball and volleyball.

Interested officials need to submit a letter of interest along with officiating background information by March 15, 2013 to Joan Gralla at the WIAA to receive consideration for one of these openings.

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

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

## WIAA Statewide Network to Telecast State Basketball and Hockey Championships

The 2013 State Boys and Girls Basketball, and the Boys and Girls Hockey Championship Finals will again be carried live on the WIAA State Television Network.

Since live television coverage of the WIAA State Basketball Tournament began in the 1960's, the telecast has become a great tradition in Wisconsin. High school sports take center stage as fans throughout the state have their TVs and computers tuned to the action. Once again this year, these broadcasts are offered in high definition, and are also available to anyone around the world through the web casting offered on the network stations' websites.

The Wisconsin Division of Quincy Newspapers, Inc., with its stations WKOW TV-27 in Madison, WAOW TV-9 in Wausau, WXOW TV-19 in La Crosse, WQOW TV-18 in Eau Claire, WYOW TV-34 in Eagle River and WMOW TV-4 in Crandon, produce the coverage. Stations KBJR-TV in Superior/Duluth, WMLW TV-41 in Milwaukee and WACY TV-32 in Green Bay and the Fox Valley complete the statewide network that brings the excitement of tournament action to viewers across Wisconsin.

Wisconsin's live television coverage is unique. All 15 games of the Boys State Basketball Tournament will be carried live on all stations Thursday-Saturday, March 7-9, and all 15 games of the Girls State Basketball Tournament will be broadcast live Thursday-Saturday, March 14-16. The title games of the State Boys and Girls Hockey Tournaments will be carried live Saturday, March 2.

Statewide sponsors of the video transmissions are Rural Mutual Insurance Companies, the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, Marshfield Clinic, Menards, Delta Dental of Wisconsin and Associated Banc-Corp. ■



# Fall Team Sportsmanship Award Winners Selected

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, in cooperation with Rural Mutual Insurance Company, has selected the team Sportsmanship Award winners for the 2012 Fall State Championships.

The winners of the prestigious award are Waupaca in football, Roncalli in girls team tennis, Oconto in girls volleyball, Marquette in boys volleyball and Mount Horeb in boys soccer.

Waupaca was selected for its sportsmanship at the State football finals. It is the first time the school has been selected for the award in any sport. The Comets advanced to the State final in Division 3 and fell 42-7 to Catholic Memorial in the title game played at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison. Receiving honorable mention were Amherst, Glenwood City, Lancaster, Potosi, Regis and Sun Prairie.

Roncalli is the recipient of the Sportsmanship Award in girls team tennis, which marks the first State sportsmanship honor presented to the school in any sport. The Jets lost their Division 2 semifinal match 4-3 to Edgewood at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium in Madison in October. Green Bay Southwest received honorable mention for the award.



A large contingent and positive enthusiasm earned Oconto the Sportsmanship Award at the State Girls Volleyball Tournament. It is the first time the school and community have received the honor. The Blue Devils defeated Cuba City in their Division 3 semifinal match before falling to Oostburg in four sets in the State championship final. Receiving honorable mention for the award are Cuba City, Grantsburg, Hillsboro, Luck, Sun Prairie and Tomahawk.

Marquette earned its fourth sportsmanship recognition in boys volleyball. The Hilltoppers also received sportsmanship accolades in



2002, 2008 and 2010. They have now won six Sportsmanship Awards overall, earning the award in summer baseball in 2006 and in boys tennis in 2008. They lost in four sets to eventual State champion Appleton North in the semifinals after downing Muskego in the quarterfinal round. Honorable mention for the award went to Muskego.

Mount Horeb is the recipient of the Sportsmanship Award in boys soccer for the first time. It is the first Sportsmanship Award presented to the Vikings in any sport. They were on the short end of a 3-0 outcome in the Division 2 final game against Xavier. They advanced to the final with a 2-1 victory over Pewaukee in the State semifinal. Aquinas, Eau Claire Memorial, Kenosha Bradford and Neenah received honorable mention for the award.

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



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

## Board Approves Recommendations from page 1

remaining number of schools will be divided equally in Divisions 3 and 4.

Other soccer items passed by the Board include allowing an individual to play 48 halves during a season when applying player participation limits; mandating tournament game start times at 4 p.m. for fields with no lights and 7 p.m. for those with lights; and requiring only white tape to be placed on socks of teams wearing white jerseys and socks, while permitting only dark tape on socks of teams wearing dark jerseys and socks.

A number of tennis recommendations were approved in order to be compliant with United States Tennis Association regulations. Beginning this spring, singles players must be offered a one-hour rest period between matches in all formats with two exceptions. A two-hour rest period must be offered when the best-of-three-sets format is used at outdoor venues and for indoor matches lasting more than 120 minutes using the best-of-three-sets format. For doubles, a 30-minute rest period between matches must be offered.

Furthermore, singles players in Flight 1 for Divisions 1 and 2 at the sectional level must play a super tiebreak instead of a final third set to be in compliance with new USTA regulations. The change in regulations also prompted the approval to move the Friday morning Division 1 singles matches at the State Individual Tournament to Thursday evening, which requires moving the start of the first-round matches Thursday to 10:30 a.m.

The fourth tennis recommendation approved by the Board places the top 16 seeds in Division 1 and the top eight seeds in Division 2 in the bracket versus the appropriate draw with the only stipulation being teammates will not play each other in the first round. All other former criteria will be removed.

Football had a number of recommendations

approved to be implemented next season. With the regular-season reverting back to the nine-games schedule, the Board approved the coaches' recommendation to issue equipment on Monday, Aug. 5 and practice to begin on Tuesday, Aug. 6, which will allow the first game to be played on Aug. 22.

Two of the football changes relate to playoff scheduling. The first declares Friday as the default day for games at Levels 1, 2 and 3 unless travel is more than 120 miles between opponents. By mutual agreement of the schools, the game may be played Saturday. The second establishes a 1 p.m. start time on Saturday for a game moved to a neutral site because of excessive travel—as determined by the WIAA. If schools mutually agree, the game may be played at an alternate time on Saturday.

An adjustment to the traditional "mercy rule" was also ratified. A running clock will continue in the fourth quarter even if the score differential goes below 35 points.

In addition, the Board approved language detailing the interpretation of the forfeiture policy when programs voluntarily abandon a conference without conference or WIAA approval and when programs eliminate their varsity schedule once the season has begun.

In other football-related action, the Board approved a \$5 increase for the Thursday all-day ticket (\$20) and the two-day tickets (\$30). Prices for the Friday all-day ticket (\$15) and a single game admission (\$8) will not change.

In volleyball, a measure was passed requiring schools to vote to either retain the sectional half-bracket or revert to the regional groupings. The sectionals will be split into two regional groupings unless a majority of schools in the sectional half-bracket vote to retain the sectional half-bracket.

The lone swimming and diving coaches recommendation was approved. It requires indi-

viduals to compete in four meets throughout the regular season to be eligible for the WIAA State Tournament Series beginning next fall. In addition, a staff recommendation to increase the admission price to \$4 for swimming and diving sectional meets next fall was approved by the Board.

Adoption of one recommendation in golf will allow electronic communication devices to be used by coaches to follow live scoring and for coach-to-coach text communication during competition. However, verbally communicating on electronic devices remains prohibited on the course. Implementation of the rule will begin this spring.

Through Board action, schools hosting sectional cross country meets this fall will be permitted to charge an entry fee of \$25 per team and \$5 per individual for incomplete teams. The measure is intended to offset the escalating expense to conduct the meets. In addition, a long-standing cross country coaches' advisory committee recommendation to increase the number of medals awarded at the State Meet was granted. The top 10 individual places in each race will receive medals. The top six individual finishers have historically received medals.

A hearing for the Board's first consideration of a conference realignment proposal involving the Coulee, Mississippi Valley and Southwest Wisconsin Conferences was postponed until the April 23 Board meeting.

The Board heard staff reports on the possibility of increasing tournament payments to officials, efforts to declare sport officials independent contractors, concerns with the number of checking from behind game disqualifications in hockey, items of interest from National Federation of State High School Associations and the progress of on-line ticketing. ■

# NFHS Rule 6-7-2 Checking from Behind



School administrators of ice hockey programs are reminded that NFHS Rule 6-7-2 for Checking from Behind has been given a more severe PENALTY for the 2012-13 school year. The rule, in and of itself, has not changed. It continues to indicate the following:

"Hitting from behind into the boards or goal frame is a flagrant violation." The penalty for violation of this rule is now simply GAME DISQUALIFICATION. In previous years, officials were provided other options in the penalties they assessed.

In addition, a "Note" has now been added that reads as follows: "The rules committee reminds coaches and players that the responsibility in this rule remains with the player approaching an opponent along the boards. While players turning to draw penalties is a concern, the positive change in behavior the committee observed outweighs this issue. Any penalty in relation to this rule along the boards or into the goal frame must be a game disqualification."

The tightening of the penalty language of this rule are resulting in more game disqualification penalties than in previous years. However, this signals that ice hockey officials are calling this penalty for the prevention of injuries, many catastrophic, and the well-being of high school ice hockey players. A cultural change in high school ice hockey has been requested from state associations, coaches, officials, parents and spectators regarding checking from behind following a catastrophic injury in a JV hockey game in Minnesota last year. Especially for checks to the back in close proximity to the boards.

The growing number of game disqualification penalties has increased the risk of a team receiving three game disqualification penalties during the regular season and consequently being removed from the WIAA tournament series per WIAA ice hockey tournament procedures. The three game disqualification penalty rule remains in effect and will be enforced should a WIAA ice hockey varsity team be assessed three game disqualification penalties for any violation of NFHS rules. Checking from behind is a safety regulation that has a high degree of injury risk to the player being checked. Players that are checked in the back have no control of themselves once the contact occurs rendering them virtually helpless as they accelerate forward, often times head first into the side boards.



School administrators of ice hockey programs are reminded of the actions they can take to prevent checking

from behind penalties from being assessed to their players:

- Plan regular visits to hockey practices.
- Ask to view checking/angling drills being taught.
- Make certain checking drills to separate players from the puck are not being taught.
- Make certain attacking players in drills are in control of themselves prior to making contact.
- Ask coaches about the use of the "hug" technique to grab players rather than check an opponent.
- Coaches can also take the steps below to address checking from behind with their players:
- Daily remind your hockey players to eliminate checking from behind.



- Prior to checking or contact drills, emphasize proper checking and contact technique.
- Before every game and every period remind your team to be aware of hitting from behind situations and to stay away from those situations.
- Be grateful when officials enforce the rules that make the game safer for all involved.

Officials can be reminded to do the following:

- In their pre-game meetings with captains and coaches emphasize appropriate contact and checking.
- Prior to each period talk to the captains or coaches to again remind them of the points of emphasis.
- When there are checks from behind do not hesitate to make the call--officials are protecting all players involved.
- Penalize players to the fullest extent of the penalty whenever a player goes head first into the boards and/or goal.

Players have responsibilities as well:

- They need to remember what coaches and officials have taught them--stay away from checking from behind situations.
- Remind each other to keep it clean and hit the brakes when they see the numbers on the back of the jersey.
- Maintain body control as they approach their opponent.
- Don't allow them to be goons--use the "hug" technique rather than a check.

Through the efforts of all involved, we can prevent injuries, especially catastrophic injuries, from occurring in high school ice hockey. Please do everything you can to provide awareness to hockey players in your program. Together we can stop these checking from behind penalties and the injuries that result from taking place. ■

## Candidacy Deadline from page 1

nounced April 24 at the WIAA Annual Meeting. Ballots will be mailed to the district administrator.

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

All positions are for a 3-year term beginning with the 2013-14 school year. Positions open for which candidates must file by February 26 are as follows:

### BOARD OF CONTROL

District 1 (northwest) for position now held by Mark Gobler of Luck (not eligible for re-election).

District 6 (south central) for position now held by Dean Sanders of Lake Mills (eligible for re-election).

District 7 (southeast) for position now held by Jack Klebesadel of Germantown (eligible for re-election).

Non-Public School At-Large for position now held by Ted Knutson of Aquinas (La

Crosse) (eligible for re-election).

### ADVISORY COUNCIL

Large schools position now held by Mike Gosz of Hamilton (eligible for re-election).

Medium schools positions now held by Eric Russell of Baldwin-Woodville (eligible for re-election) and Scott Winch of Stratford (eligible for re-election).

Small schools positions now held by Mark Gruen of Royall (not eligible for re-election) and Reed Welsh of Abbotsford (eligible for re-election). ■



## Open Gyms

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

1. The open gym is made known and available to any student in the designated population of that school that is interested in attending. Open gyms may be gender specific. It is also acceptable to include people from the community. Schools may conduct "open gyms" in any activity. It is not acceptable to include athletes from another school, public or nonpublic.

2. There is **no instruction** during the open gym **by a coach or anyone else**.

3. Coaches may supervise open gyms, but they may not instruct, organize drills, etc. Coaches can also recreate with students in school sponsored, open gym settings that are purely recreational in nature, i.e., there is no instruction by the coach or anyone, sport skill demonstration, organized drills or resemblance of a practice being conducted.

4. There is no organized competition, such as established teams participating in round-robin competition, etc.

5. A member school is permitted to su-

pervise conditioning programs under the open gym provisions, which may include weight lifting, speed, agility, fitness. The program must be limited to non-sport and non-sport-skill-specific instruction. Basic 'instruction' e.g., safe lifting, safe spotting, training regimen and rationale, are permitted. No sport implements and/or sport specific movement/drills should be part of the open gym or weight room. These conditioning programs must be made known and accessible to all interested students and must be voluntary.

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

**Q: I was wondering if you could assist me in a quick question. I have a**

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

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

Students must pay their own expenses, including transportation, to any nonschool (out-of-season) camps, clinics, or specialized training. Schools may pay expenses and provide transportation to similar in-season activities in that sport and during unrestricted contact days in the summer. ■

## Clinics and School Facilities

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

1. There shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, for up to 5 days, which do not need to be consecutive. Unrestricted contact days must conclude no later than July 31.

2. A school may conduct a clinic for students in grades 8 and below, where high school varsity and junior varsity coaches may use some or all of their high school athletes as clinicians. This may be done for a maximum of six days during the summer (when school is not in session) and must conclude no later than July 31. Clinics not utilizing athletes as clinicians may be conducted throughout the summer up to the start of school.

3. School facilities may be used for nonschool programs, according to board of education policy, which can result in clinics being conducted, outside the season, by nonschool groups. The nonschool group must request the facilities from the board of education or governing board, through normal procedures and are encouraged to provide their own insurance protection. (BL – Art. II and RE – Art. VI, Sect. 2) ■

## Golf Coaches Use of Electronic Communication Devices

The WIAA Board of Control approved the expanded use of Electronic Devices (e.g. cellular telephones, smartphones, etc.) by high school coaches on a limited basis at their January 30, 2013 meeting.



Coaches have been allowed to use during emergency situations and to follow live scoring in recent years. They now are allowed to use texting functions during competitions so long as it is with another coach. This can be a coach of the same team or a coach from another team. Talking on one of these devices is only permitted off the golf course or in designated areas where disruption of play will not occur.

Players continue to be required to keep electronic devices in their bag during competitions unless an emergency develops. This prevents illegal communication with parents and other non-coaches. Electronic devices that contain measuring devices only continue to be allowed as well by players.

Violations of the coaching rule result in a two-stroke penalty applied to the team score for the first violation. A second violation results in disqualification of the entire team.

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# WIAA Hockey Tournament Information

Welcome to the 2012-13 WIAA Tournament series. This is a very exciting time of year as all of our school programs enter the tournament with high expectations and requires one and all to be at their very best. I felt it would be helpful to school administrators, coaches and WIAA officials to pass along information pertaining to important situations that often occur during the tournament series.

• **First and foremost: The second school alphabetically wears light-colored jerseys this year.**

One new key regulation modification this year that is certain to impact WIAA tournament games is the new **overtime procedure. It is just like the NCAA overtime procedure:**

• For overtimes, there will continue to be a three-minute intermission followed by an eight-minute sudden victory period **with goalies switching ends (goalies switching ends is new this year).**

• **Also new this year—If still tied, a twelve-minute rest period followed by a 17-minute sudden victory overtime period occurs and goalies switch ends.**

• **If still tied, the overtime procedure found in #2 above will be repeated until a team has scored a goal. During overtime play during the WIAA tournament series, the ice will be resurfaced after the eight-minute overtime period and after each 17-minute overtime period.**

One other rule change is NFHS Rule 6-23-4 which reads as follows: "No attacking player who is in the goal crease (body and/or stick) may make incidental contact with or visually impede the goalkeeper." It is incumbent upon the attacker to avoid physical and visual interference with the goalie. Officials need to make an extra special effort to get in position and cover these crease situations. Below I have identified five situations to help clarify this rule:

1. No goal, opposing player in the crease is not interfering—no whistle and play continues.

2. Goal occurs, opposing player in the crease but not interfering—goal is allowed—face off at center faceoff spot.



3. Goal occurs, opposing player in the crease is "unintentionally interfering (visually or physically)" with the goalie—goal is disallowed—face off at the nearest neutral zone faceoff spot.

4. Opposing player in the crease is "intentionally interfering (physical contact)"—apply penalty.

5. Opposing player in the crease, goalie is in privileged area is "intentionally interfering (waving arms)"—apply penalty.

A reminder for officials and coaches that NFHS Rule 2-5 Change of Players indicates: "Substitutions may be made at any time **provided the player coming off the ice shall be at the players' own bench and out of play** before the substituting player enters onto the ice." I am seeing substitutions being made while players are still in the middle of the rink. Make sure players are making an effort towards their own bench and are near the bench area before their substitute hits the ice.



Checking from behind continues to be a significant injury risk in high school hockey. It is probably the most dangerous play in all of high school sports. Please be aware of NFHS Rule 6-7-2 Note, that reads "The rules committee reminds coaches and players that the responsibility in this rule remains with the player approaching an opponent along the boards."

A few years ago, the WIAA membership approved a three-game suspension for any student-athlete identified fighting during a WIAA hockey game. First, this regulation has been very successful in reducing the number of fights that have taken place thus far. Please be aware, that any suspensions for fighting that include loss of eligibility for any WIAA tournament series contest, results in that student-athlete becoming ineligible for that contest and the remainder of the WIAA tournament series.

In addition, if a student-athlete receives a Game Disqualification in their last game of the season, the remaining suspension, whether it be one game or three games, is applied from the end of the hockey season to the beginning of the next season of varsity sports the player is involved in (WIAA Winter Season Regulations, 15., d.).

Next, school administrators, coaches and WIAA officials all need to be making certain that equipment is not modified from its original manufactured state and shall be worn in the manner the manufacturer intended it to be worn per NFHS Rule 3-4-1a. This means helmets have to have all their foam padding in place, even padding around the ears. Face mask clips all have to be fastened, chin straps have to be securely fastened to the head and all players, including goaltenders shall wear and have properly inserted into their mouth during the course of play a tooth and mouth protector.

I have also had a number of reports of

Plexiglas being broken during play due to the materials the puck being used is made of. For what ever reason, school administrators hosting WIAA tournament play should check with their ice facility to be certain they are prepared to replace or repair a Plexiglas break as quickly as possible should it occur during a WIAA tournament game. These breaks can cause extended delays that can require games to be suspended or delayed. We simply want to make certain games can be completed that day should a Plexiglas break take place.

Also, pertaining to facilities, many ice complexes now have a "fog horn" used following a goal by the host school team. Foghorns are allowed to be blown during WIAA tournament games so long as they **are blown following goals for both the host school team and the visiting team**, otherwise not blown at all. Minor officials who are normally responsible for activating these devices are to remain neutral during WIAA tournament contests.

Below I have identified a few additional "reminders" in hopes everyone can truly enjoy their tournament experience:

• All contests will be 17-minute periods with 12-minute warm-ups and 12-minute intermissions.

• The maximum number of participants for each tournament game is 20 plus four non-players on the bench. A school may change its squad make-up from one tournament game to the next.

• Coaches need to monitor the behavior of their student-athletes. Officials have been asked to inform coaches of student-athletes that are having difficulty maintaining their self-control. This is especially necessary once the outcome of a game has been decided. If an athlete is becoming emotional to the point of being uncontrollable, take him/her out of the contest. Also, be certain their replacement is a player who can maintain their self-control.

• Review new NFHS regulations along with NFHS Points of Emphasis in the front pages of the NFHS rule book along with all the other NFHS rules.

• Review WIAA Winter Season Regulations for hockey by using the WIAA website <<wiaa.org>>, then go to PUBLICATIONS and click on WINTER SEASON REGULATIONS. Important tournament information is found here.

Your help with these and all the other WIAA and NFHS regulations helps to provide a classroom environment for all to enjoy. I hope you have a wonderful tournament experience and wish you well during the coming weeks. ■



# USTA/WIAA Recovery Rule Changes

New Recovery Rules were adopted at the 2012 USTA Annual Meeting that have a significant impact on high school tennis programs. The Recovery Rule is a new part of USTA Regulation III.H. These regulations were also adopted by the WIAA Board of Control at their January, 2013, meeting for implementation starting with the WIAA boy's tennis season in the spring of 2013.

The basics of the new USTA/WIAA Recovery Rule require a 60-minute rest period be offered to singles players following any format of play. Doubles teams must be offered 30 minutes of rest following any match. In addition, a minimum rest period of two hours has to be offered by a tournament referee to a player who has just completed a singles match in which a match format of two-out-of-three standard tiebreak sets is used. Further, the new USTA/WIAA Recovery Rule does not apply to short set matches, matches that play a tiebreak in lieu of a final third set, or to any match indoors that lasts less than 120 minutes.

The new Recovery Rule is now in effect for all WIAA regular season and tournament series tournaments.

This new rule creates new responsibilities for tournament officials with regards to scheduling matches, timing singles matches that are played indoors, and monitoring compliance with the "new" minimum rest period required to be offered between two singles matches. This new rule could plausibly impact the choice of format selected by tournament organizers.



In addition, USTA Rules now indicate that only two singles matches where the best two-out-of-three set format is used can occur in one day. Using a pro set or a match tiebreaker in lieu of a third set allows a singles player to play three matches in a day. When a pro set or a match tiebreaker is used, all matches must be in the modified format, none can be best two-out-of-three set format. A doubles team can compete in three doubles matches in one day when the best two-out-of-three set format is used.

This requires two changes to the WIAA State Tournament Series. The

first is with Flight #1 players at sectionals who have to play three matches in one day. The WIAA Board of Control approved the use of a super tiebreaker in lieu of a third set for all Flight #1 matches beginning with the spring boy's sectional tournament.

The second modification requires matches at the WIAA State Individual Tournament to begin at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday of the State Individual tournament. This will allow second round Division 1 singles matches previously held on Friday morning to be moved to Thursday night. This change will also begin with the 2013 spring WIAA boy's individual tournament at Nielsen Tennis Stadium.

*Additional interpretations can be found below:*

**FAC Comment III.C-2:** A player's opponent retires before the end of the first set of a best of three tiebreak set singles matches that was played outdoors. The player's next match is another best of three set singles match. Is the referee obligated to offer the player a minimum rest of two hours?

**ANSWER: Yes.**

**FAC Comment III.C-3:** A player plays a long and competitive best of three set match with a match tiebreak in lieu of the third set. The player's next match is a singles match. Is the referee obligated to offer the player a minimum rest of two hours?

**ANSWER: Although the two-hour rest provision of the Recovery Rule does not apply, the conditions justify more rest and the referee should offer more than the minimum rest in Table 11.**

**FAC Comment III.C-5:** A player plays a long and competitive match. May the referee offer the player more than two hours rest?

**ANSWER: When conditions justify more rest, the referee should offer additional rest.**

**FAC Comment III.C-7:** A player plays a long and competitive best-of-three tiebreak sets singles match indoors that lasts fewer than 120 minutes. Is the referee obligated to offer the player a minimum rest of two hours?

**ANSWER: Although the two-hour rest provision of the Recovery Rule**

**does not apply, these conditions may justify more rest and the referee should offer more than the minimum rest in Table 11. Other indoor conditions that may justify additional rest include high temperature or humidity.**

**FAC Comment III.C-8:** May the referee shorten the rest between matches in tournaments using no-ad scoring?

**ANSWER: No.**

**FAC Comment III.C-11:** How does the referee determine the length of an indoor match to decide whether the recovery rule applies?

**ANSWER: When officials are available, they should record the time when the first ball is struck and when the last point is over. When this is not possible, the referee should record the time that the match was sent to the courts and the time that the players report the scores. This time should be reduced by the ten minutes for the warm-up and by the additional time that can reasonably be expected for the players to get to and from the court.**

• When is this new rule effective? Immediately, starting with the WIAA springs boy's tennis season: Regular season & WIAA tournament series.

• Can a player waive their rest period? Yes, the player/doubles team is allowed to waive any rest period.

• What does the Recovery Rule mean for regular season tournaments? This new rule provides added relief and recovery time, particularly for singles players, but also for teams. The rules have been put in place by the USTA to promote player health and safety, as well as performance. All else equal, the new rules might result in longer periods of time needed to complete tournaments and new formats developed for regular season tournaments.

If school administrators have any concerns or questions regarding the USTA/WIAA Recovery Rule, please feel free to contact Tom Shafranski, WIAA Assistant Director. He can be reached by calling (715) 344-8580 or via email at tshafranski@wiaawi.org. ■





## John Roberts from page 1

in 1971. The popularity of girls sports grew dramatically during his tenure, starting with three sports and 325 school teams when it started to 10 sports and 2,300 girls teams when he retired. Earlier in his role as Executive Director, he led the growth in boys teams for the sports. In particular, participation in the sports of wrestling, track and field, cross country, swimming and golf grew significantly.

Other significant advancements in the Association under his direction was the proliferation of classes in tournament play, most notably basketball in 1972, as well as the introduction of the cooperative teams program in 1982.

Within a year of becoming the executive secretary—as the position was known as in 1957—Roberts received the Board of Control's approval to begin the process of moving the WIAA executive office from Marinette to Stevens Point. By August, 1958 the office was operational in Stevens Point.

In his retirement address to the membership, he stated "No person has enjoyed his occupation more than I have," and the minutes of the meeting indicated Roberts "received a prolonged standing ovation from the delegates at the conclusion of his remarks."

Born in Adair, Iowa, on April 20, 1920, he graduated from Valley High School in West Des Moines. Roberts was an all-state football selection in 1937 and a State Wrestling Champion in 1937 and 1938.

He played football and wrestled at UW-Madison. He played football for three years and was the Big Ten wrestling champion in 1941-42. He was NCAA runner-up in 1941.

Before receiving his bachelor and master degrees, he served as a pilot with the rank of lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II (1943-45).

Roberts served as athletics director and coach at P.J. Jacobs High School (now SPASH) from 1946-52 and led the football team to a 23-1 record in his final three seasons, including undefeated season in 1949 and 1951. In addition, he established the wrestling program and led the team to a State championship in 1949.

From 1952-56, he served as coach, head of physical education and dean of men at Central State College (now UW-Stevens Point). He led the 1955 football team to the school's only unbeaten-untied season and implemented the wrestling program.

On the national landscape, Roberts served on the Executive Committee of the National Federation of State High School Associations, including one year as vice president. He was the NFHS's chief wrestling rules interpreter for 28 years. He also served on the Board of Directors of the United States Wrestling Federation and on

the United States Olympic Games Committee from 1973-1976.

Among the many honors he received included enshrinement in the NFHS Hall of Fame in 2000, which was preceded by receiving the Association's Award of Merit in 1985. He was inducted into the Iowa Wrestling and UW-Stevens Point Halls of Fame. In 1992, he was honored with the Red Smith Award, given to an individual for their contribution to sports in Wisconsin. He served on the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and the Board of Directors of the National "W" Club. Locally, he was honored as the recipient of the Stevens Point Distinguished Service Award in 1975.

Among the other notable accolades he received during his career was being named the "Man of the Year" by both *Scholastic Wrestling News* in 1974 and by the United States Wrestling Federation in 1981.

The WIAA and its member schools will forever be indebted to John for his leadership and commitment to this association and high school sports in Wisconsin. ■

## On-Line Ticketing from page 1

ets throughout the entire tournament. After midnight on Wednesday, March 6, tickets purchased online must be printed at home. Online tickets will be available up until two hours prior to the start of any of the sessions. The ticket window at the Kohl Center will not be open Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday the week of the state tournament. Tickets will also be available for sale at the ticket windows at Gate B on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Tickets for the Girls State Basketball Tournament are currently available for sale online at TicketStarOnline.com. Tickets will be available throughout the entire tournament both online and at the ticket windows at the Resch Center.

All tickets purchased at the Kohl Center will require payment by cash or check. Credit card purchases cannot be accommodated at the Kohl Center. An ATM machine will be available in the lobby at Gate B. ■

## 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 Pro-

gram (ASEP) Sport First Aid and Coaching Principles courses or the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Fundamentals of Coaching and First Aid for Coaches courses.

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

The cost of the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching is \$35 and the First Aid for Coaches is \$45. The cost of the ASEP Coaching Principles is \$70 and Sport First Aid is \$50.

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

# Annual Meeting Amendments

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

## CONSTITUTION

### **NUMBER 1 – MEMBER SCHOOL SUING THE ASSOCIATION - RESTITUTION FOR COSTS**

*This change requires a school to reimburse the Association for legal proceedings they have initiated.*

#### **Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Board of Control – p. 19**

##### **Section 3 – Penalties**

- A. Any of the following penalties may be imposed upon member schools, which violate Association rules and regulations, if such action is regarded as necessary for maintenance of discipline:
- 1) Suspension of membership for not more than one year.
  - 2) Probation for not more than one year.
  - 3) Denial of participation in Association tournament program.
  - 4) Denial of any area of Association services and benefits.
  - 5) Monetary fine equal to Association expense incurred in any investigation and actual reimbursement of costs resulting from the violation.
  - 6) Forfeiture (team sports) of contests won by school or (individual sports) of points/places won by individuals.
  - 7) Loss of conference affiliation.
- Note: All parties concerned may be convened after 48 hours of notice to consider charges filed against a member school.
- B. If a member school brings legal action against the Association for any reason, and if that action is voluntarily vacated, stayed, reversed, or finally determined by the courts not to justify injunctive relief, the member school will reimburse the Association for all costs associated with such action.

## BYLAWS

### **NUMBER 2 – SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT ISSUED BY THE SCHOOL**

*This change would allow protective equipment to be issued during the school year out of season for softball and baseball.*

#### **Article III - School Equipment**

##### **Section 1 – Out-of-Season – Nonschool**

###### **Use/Summertime – p. 28**

- A. In the summertime, with approval of its governing body, a school may issue its own protective equipment, uniforms and other apparel for use by athletes in training or nonschool competition at its own discretion.
- B. During the school year, with approval of its governing body, a school may issue its baseball and softball equipment at its own discretion.

Note: A school may issue sport implements at any time, at its own discretion.

## Rules of Eligibility

### **NUMBER 3 – NONPUBLIC MATRICULATION**

*This change would allow athletes who have established eligibility at a nonpublic school system prior to Grade 9 to be eligible.*

#### **Article II – Residence and Transfer**

##### **Section 2 – Determining Residence for Nonpublic School Students – p. 33**

- A. A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:
- 1) In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9. For the purpose of this

rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in Section 5 of this Article.

- 2) Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
- 3) A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
- 4) A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that non-public school upon entering Grade 9.
- 5) Students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents. . .

### **NUMBER 4 – APPEARANCE IN COMMERCIAL/ADVERTISEMENT**

*This change would clarify violations when student images are used in advertisements.*

#### **Article IV - Amateur Status – p. 34-35**

##### **Section 1 – Loss of Eligibility**

- A. A student shall be an amateur in all recognized sports of this Association in order to compete in any sport, and he/she shall become ineligible for all further participation in the school's interscholastic program for violation of any of the amateur status provisions. The penalty may be reduced upon request of a school on the basis of documented extenuating circumstances, when accompanied by evidence of complete restitution made by the athlete (when applicable).
- B. A student shall be determined to be in violation if he/she:
- 1) Accepts, receives and/or directs to another, reimbursement or award in any form of (a) salary, (b) cash, (c) merchandise of any kind or amount or (d) share of game or season proceeds, for achievement in athletics.
    - a. Actual and necessary reimbursement for transportation, . . .
    - b. A student may receive an award which is symbolic . . .
    - c. A school may allow a student to retain items of practice . . .
  - 2) Signs a contract or agreement for services as a participating. . .
    - a. A student may be employed (but not self-employed) . . .
    - b. This rule shall not prevent a student from signing . . .
  - 3) Receives compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete. This includes but is not limited to: receiving free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for all other participants.
  - 4) Is identified as an athlete, provides endorsement as an athlete, or appears as an athlete, in the promotion of a

*See Annual Meeting Amendments, page 11 ►*

commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan or service.

Note: When an athlete has been identified with or without permission and/or awareness resulting in a violation of this rule, the penalty may be reduced once the violation has been rectified.

- 5) Plays in any contest (school or nonschool) under a name other than his/her own name.

#### **NUMBER 5 – DELAYED REPORTING**

*This change would allow cross country athletes to delay reporting for nonschool training or competition until the first school competition.*

#### **Article VI – Nonschool Participation – p. 37**

##### **Section 1 – In-Season**

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of a given sport. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in nonschool game, meet, or contest in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. The penalty may be reduced upon request of a school on the basis of documented extenuating circumstances.
  - 1) Nonschool games, meets, or contests shall be interpreted to include (a) all games, meets, or contests outside the control of the school and (b) any games, meets, or contests within a school (other than official interscholastic athletic program) involving another school or a nonschool organization.
  - 2) A student who was a member of a school team in a given sport during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training or competition, except in the fall-sponsored sports of **cross country**, tennis, golf, and swimming, provided the delay does not extend beyond the first interscholastic meet.
  - 3) A student who is cut from the squad, during the regular season (not including WIAA tournaments). . . etc.

#### **NUMBER 6 – UNLIMITED NONSCHOOL CONTACT FOR BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL IN SUMMER**

*This change would allow basketball and volleyball coaches to have unlimited nonschool contact in the summertime.*

#### **Article VI – Nonschool Participation**

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

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes . . .
- B. With school consent, in the summertime, members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble with their teammates and coaches for purposes of instruction and/or competition for up to 5 days (do not need to be consecutive) in all WIAA sports sponsored by the school, without restriction.

Note: Whether an opportunity is school sponsored or not, coach contact outside the actual school season may not exceed Board of Control approved contact days.
- C. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as unrestricted coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with Section 2A above:
  - 1) An acceptable nonschool program or activity is one which is not limited to students on the basis of a school affiliation, athletic experience, team status, etc.
  - 2) The person who will be coaching a student the following school season shall not be permitted to coach that student other than during the designated school season and Board of Control approved coach contact days in the summertime. Board of Control approved summertime coach contact is as follows:
    - a. Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming

& diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded up to 5 days of unrestricted summertime coaching contact between the end of school and July 31, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section. The five days do not need to be consecutive.

Note: There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no school and/or coach contact (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport (beginning in 2012).

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

\*Unlimited nonschool coach contact for fall soccer must conclude by July 31.  
etc.

#### **EDITORIAL CHANGES**

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

#### **BYLAWS**

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

##### **Section 5 – A School shall not Participate in: – p. 26-27**

- G. Interstate competition, except as provided hereafter:
  - 1) National Federation sanction is required for:
    - a. Any interstate event involving.....
    - b. Non-bordering events if five ....
    - c. Non-bordering events if more than ....
    - d. Any event involving two (2) or more ....
  - 2) When National Federation sanction is required:
    - a. Individuals who want to host an event .....
    - b. There will be a processing fee for ....
    - c. The timeline/fee structure ....
    - d. The host school shall submit a financial ...
  - 3) WIAA approval is required for:
    - a. Any interstate competition and/or event (**other than scheduled conference events**) in which four or more schools participate, including events hosted by WIAA member schools.
    - b. Any interstate competition and/or event which involves schools from three or more states including events hosted by WIAA member schools.
  - 4) No approval is required:  
etc.

#### **Article VII – Schools Right to Protest**

##### **Section 1 – Violation by another Member School – p. 28**

- A. A school administrator shall have the right to protest to the Association office a violation, on the part of another member school, and it is the duty and responsibility of a school and/or conference to **report to the Association office** immediately call to the attention of another member school and/or the Association office information or evidence pertaining to violation of Association rules.

*Corresponding changes in Rules of Eligibility:*

#### **Article I – General**

##### **Section 1 – School Administration – p. 31**

- A. The responsibility of educating and guiding students in the rules of eligibility governing member schools of this Association shall rest with the administration of each school.
  - 1) The administration of the school shall be responsible for the eligibility of all its athletes, and it ~~shall be the~~ **is the**

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duty and responsibility of one member school to immediately call to the attention of another member school and/or the Association office possible information or evidence pertaining to violations of Association rules.

### **RULES OF ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Article II - Residence and Transfer – p. 33**

##### **Section 3 – Transfers**

- A. A full time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:
- 1) A student who transfers from any school into a member school after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.
  - 2) Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning. . .
  - 3) Open enrolled and/or tuition paying students entering 11th and/or 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
  - 4) 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year. . .
  - 5) 10th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year. . .
  - 6) In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
  - 7) District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WIAA transfer rules in situations involving post-4th semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school), but may be allowed to practice.
  - 8) Unless transfer, including an accompanying change of parents residence, is effective. . .
  - 9) any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for non-varsity opportunities only for the balance of one calendar year. In situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year, but may practice.
  - 10) A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school. . .

#### **Article IV - Amateur Status – p. 34-35**

##### **Section 1 – Loss of Eligibility**

- A. A student shall be an amateur in all recognized sports of this Association in order to compete in any sport, and he/she shall become ineligible for all further participation in the school's interscholastic program for violation of any of the amateur status provisions. The penalty may be reduced upon request of a school on the basis of documented extenuating circumstances, when accompanied by evidence of complete restitution made by the athlete (when applicable).

- B. A student shall be determined to be in violation if he/she:
- 1) Accepts, receives and/or directs to another, reimbursement or award in any form of (a) salary, (b) cash, (c) merchandise of any kind or amount or (d) share of game or season proceeds, for achievement in athletics.
    - a. Actual and necessary reimbursement for transportation, food, and lodging and entry fees paid in connection with playing a contest shall not be regarded as a violation.
    - b. A student may receive an award which is symbolic (nonmerchandise) in nature such as badges, certificates, cups, trophies, medals, banners, ribbons, pictures, event T-shirts, event hats, game balls, unattached emblems, letters, season highlight DVD or video, or other items of no intrinsic/utilitarian value. A student may not receive such merchandise items as shirts, jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, jerseys, warm-ups, equipment, balls, duffel bags, backpacks, watches, rings, billfolds, coupons, gift certificates, e.g., regardless of their value. (See Bylaws, Article XI – Awards).
    - c. A school may allow a student to retain items of practice and playing uniforms which, for reasons of hygiene, obsolescence, deterioration, etc., will not be passed on to another student.

#### **Article VI - Nonschool Participation – p. 37-38**

##### **Section 2 – Out-of-Season**

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, ...
- B. With school consent, in the summertime, members of a school's team may voluntarily assemble ...
- C. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as unrestricted coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with Section 2A above:
- 1) An acceptable nonschool program or activity is one which is not limited to students on the basis of a school affiliation, athletic experience, team status, etc. and no school monies or resources can be applied.
  - 2) The person who will be coaching a student in the following school season shall not be permitted to coach that student other than during the designated school season and Board of Control approved coach contact days in the summertime. Board of Control approved summertime coach contact is as follows:
    - a. Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded up to 5 days of unrestricted summertime coaching contact between the end of school and July 31, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section. The five days do not need to be consecutive.

Note: There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no school and/or coach contact (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport (beginning in 2012).
    - b. Unlimited nonschool coaching contact beyond the five unrestricted days is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session) in the sports of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer,\* softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2-A and C1 of this section.

\*Unlimited nonschool coach contact for fall soccer must conclude by July 31.
    - c. This provision shall not prevent a coach from having supervisory responsibilities ...  
etc. ■

# 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.

### BOYS HOCKEY

#### Antigo at D.C. Everest Jan. 8, 2013

Throughout the game, the displays of sportsmanship were exceptional, but in the third period, Antigo's Zach Fleischman went above and beyond. We had a stoppage for an injured Everest player and Zach helped the trainer out onto the ice to attend to the injury. Upon arriving at the player, he checked with the opposing coach to see if there was anything he could help with and picked up the player's equipment that had been removed and took it to the D.C. Everest player bench. Again, both teams showed great sportsmanship throughout the game. The coaches led by example and the players followed. It was the best display of sportsmanship that I have seen this season.



Reporting Official: Bryan Schroder

#### Medford at Merrill Jan. 7, 2013

It is a real pleasure working a game when all the players and coaches showed great sportsmanship. Right from the start of the game in the coaches and captains' meeting the players and coaches showed great sportsmanship. Greeting each other and wishing each other a good game. The game was a hard fought game, from start to finish. The coaches, were very positive, and this related to the ice with players being positive on the ice. After the game, the players and coaches all greeted each other with good compliments. It is nice to have the players and coaches from both teams come up and thank us for working their game. It is a real pleasure working a game in which both teams and coaches practice true sportsmanship.

Reporting Official: Dan Pudlo

#### Arrowhead vs. Cedarburg at Milwaukee Admiral Classic Dec. 28, 2012

The championship game was well played and the players displayed both sportsmanship and respect for each other and for their teammates. I overheard members of the Milwaukee Admirals Staff commenting that the teams played hard and clean and were respectful. It was a pleasure to work this game.



Reporting Official: James Olson

#### Madison Memorial at Aquinas Nov. 24, 2012

The Madison Memorial coaching staff exhibited perfect sportsmanship and the team displayed sportsmanship during the game. The coaching staff was committed to coaching the players on the bench while pointing out what was done right and correcting what may have not been done incorrectly. The other officials also were very impressed with the professionalism and sportsmanship displayed by Memorial. After the game, the Memorial kids all came over and shook our hands thanking us for coming out to do the game. This really speaks volumes of the quality kids on this team.

Reporting Official: Jeff Hanzlik

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Luther Prep at Lakeside Lutheran Jan. 11, 2013

I would like to take a moment to commend both Lakeside Lutheran and Luther Prep for the exemplary display of sportsmanship. Both Tim Matthies and his staff and Randy Mensching and his staff set outstanding examples of good sportsmanship to the players, adults and students in attendance. The players played hard and their level of sportsmanship on the floor matched that of the coaching staffs. Further, I'd like to mention that the hospitality provided by athletic director Paul Bauer at Lakeside Lutheran was at the highest level, as always, and we officials appreciate that.



Reporting Official: Rich Fronheiser

#### Grafton at Milwaukee Hamilton Dec. 19, 2012

We experienced a tremendous amount of good sportsmanship from both teams in the way they played their game. I commend Coach Marcus Switzer of Hamilton and Grafton's Coach Steve Reinhardt for their sportsmanship. Both teams were respectful of each other to the point of helping each other up when they went to the floor. The final score did not matter, because our crew saw something I commend both coaches, teams on how well they handled themselves last night. On behalf of our crew, it was truly a pleasure to work their game last night. Thank you for the opportunity to see sportsmanship in action!

Reporting Official: Rodney Matthews

#### Horicon at Abundant Life Christian/Country Day Dec. 11, 2012

As always is the case at Abundant Life Christian, Athletics Director David Haugen greeted us and made sure we had everything we needed and his people at the table did their usual great job. The girls and coaches made the game an enjoyable one to officiate. On several occasions, the captains for both teams went to retrieve a ball that rolled off the court and neither teams players reacted in a negative manner towards a call. The coaches also conducted themselves in a very professional manner, asking only about a call they disagreed with instead of yelling that a call was missed or wrong. Schools can be proud of the teams and the personnel involved in the game.

Reporting Official: Dennis Baumann

#### Viroqua at Cashton Nov. 24, 2012

Upon arriving at Cashton High School we were immediately greeted by Athletic Director Bill Freiberg and escorted to the officials room and received a warm hospitable welcome with cordial conversation. During the game, which was very close all the way to the end that included overtime, both teams displayed positive interactions. The positive interactions included both teams retrieving loose balls and returning them to the officials and addressing us by sir. Viroqua's Coach Layne Hannson and Cashton's Coach Patte Michalek focused on their respective coaching roles and all we heard were encouraging words towards their players. After the game, my partner and I discussed the good sportsmanship of both teams and how honored we are to be associated with high school sports. Both teams, fans, schools, and communities should be proud of themselves for representing the extension of the classroom in the manner that they do.



Reporting Official: Wayne Hannes

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Weyauwega-Fremont at Clintonville Jan. 15, 2013

This was a great game to officiate and to be a part of. At the pre-game captains' meeting, we reviewed the importance of sports-

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manship. The captains and their teammates demonstrated good sportsmanship at the highest level. Both teams played hard, hustled after the basketball and hustled on and off the basketball court. Players played and coaches coached the way basketball was meant to be at the high school level. Also, the job done by school personnel before, during, and after the game was great.

*Reporting Official: Matt Peterson*

### **Valders at Reedsville Jan. 11, 2013**

From the moment we were welcomed by Reedsville's principal to leaving the building, the players, coaches and fans represented their communities with class. Coach Brooks from Reedsville and Coach Nesper from Valders were absolute gentlemen. While there were some tough calls and emotional moments, this game represented for us what high school sports should be.

*Reporting Official: Andy Hansen*

### **Cuba City at Mineral Point Dec. 18, 2012**

We worked a contest that displayed great sportsmanship throughout. The players and coaching staff are to be commended on their display of sportsmanship during the game. The coaches from both teams were very respectful when asking questions about clarifications. The game administrators from Mineral Point are to be commended as well. They were very courteous and were readily available in case they were needed. It was a pleasure to work a game where sportsmanship was held in the highest regard by both of the coaching staffs and their teams.

*Reporting Official: Scott Huffman*

### **Sheboygan Lutheran at Sheboygan Christian Dec. 14, 2012**

We would like to commend both schools' coaches, players and fans on the sportsmanship displayed at their recent contest. The rivalry game was close throughout, which made it more impressive on what we witnessed. The coaches were positive even if the call was not going to go their way. Questions were asked and answered without incident. The players would help each other getting off the floor. Pats on the back to the opposing team were extended after a good play. The fans cheered for their team. Never was there a negative cheer; it was a pleasure to witness this kind of sportsmanship. Both schools should be proud of their coaches, player and fans.

*Reporting Official: Russ Mueller*

### **Bay Port at Green Bay West (freshmen) Dec. 11, 2012**

I was overwhelmed by the awesome sportsmanship by both teams and their fans.

The gym was packed with spectators and they got a great show. The crowd was excited and loud, but never did I hear a negative comment or see any unsportsmanlike behavior. The crowd cheered and supported their respected team. As we left the court through the stands, many fans, especially those from Southwest came up to us and said what a great job we did. This was one of the best games I had the privilege to officiate.

*Reporting Official: Brian Boeckman*

### **Newman Catholic at Pittsville Dec. 7, 2012**

Both of the schools need to be complimented, from the opening tip until leaving the floor, the players played and coaches coached. When questions were asked of the officials, it was done in a respectful manner from both players and coaches. The schools, communities, administration, coaches, and players represented what interscholastic athletics is all about - sportsmanship at its finest. This type of game is one you would want to show the public in a WIAA promotion on sportsmanship. Congrats to both schools and continue to display the fine example of the true meaning of sports.

*Reporting Official: Mark Craig*

### **Phillips at Rib Lake Dec. 7, 2012**

The game manager met us as we entered the school and escorted us to our changing quarters. She was very professional in her approach. The captains were given simple reminders from myself and my partner on what to expect from us officiating which is that we will treat you with respect if you treat us with respect. Over and over throughout the game this was demonstrated by the coaches, fans, and most definitely by the athletes during and after the game. In the third quarter, a young man approached me to ask me why, when we entered the ball for a throw in and free throw administration, we called them "sir"? I told him that it was a sign of respect from us to them. He thought that it was kind of neat that he was respected by us, but as the night went on the "sir" was also coming back at us with a thank you. Respect has no price tag, but the coaches, fans, and athletes on this night were priceless.

*Reporting Official: Michael Igl*

### **Platteville at River Valley Dec. 7, 2012**

There were numerous displays of respect and positive sportsmanship on display. Head Coach Jeff Johnson (River Valley) and Head Coach Mike Huser (Platteville) were professional and positive in their interactions with their players and the officials throughout the entire contest, regardless of score or situa-

tion. Players from opposing teams were consistently helping each other up off the floor after jump ball and loose ball situations, and were also polite and courteous when interacting with the officials. We would like to commend and thank both teams for displaying so many wonderful examples of the positive ideals that interscholastic athletic competition has to offer.

*Reporting Official: Doug Stampfli*

### **WRESTLING Richland Center at River Valley Jan. 22, 2013**

Great job by both schools, fans and especially the young athletes involved and great sportsmanship at River Valley High School. I wanted to take this opportunity to share the great act of sportsmanship displayed by Johan Peekenbrooke of Richland Center. He was selfless last evening when he agreed to wrestle an exhibition match with one of River Valley's wrestlers that had a cognitive disability. This act was a great highlight for the young wrestler, his family and the fans. Johan's act of kindness spoke volumes of how caring many teenagers are and set a great example for other teenagers.

*Reporting Official: Kirk Layer*

### **Amherst at Bonduel Dec. 13, 2012**

From the time that I arrived at the school until I left, it was enjoyable and positive. At the weigh-ins, the athletes and coaches were very respectful, orderly and positive. Throughout the entire meet the coaches, support staff, athletes, and fans all displayed good sportsmanship. The defeated wrestlers often congratulated their opponents on their win. The coaches coached their wrestlers from the bench in a very supportive and positive manner. Both of the head coaches, Chris Rank and Matt Colemer, their assistants and the wrestlers set an example for the fans and the fans cheered their athletes. It's always a pleasure to work an event at this school.

*Reporting Official: Kevin Hansen*

### **SWIMMING & DIVING Racine Horlick (at various meets) Feb. 2, 2013**

I just wanted to take a moment to comment on your boys swimming and diving team for their actions throughout the 2012-13 season. I have had the pleasure of working a handful of their meets and have come away impressed with both the students, as well as the coaches. The entire team, from the coaches all the way down to the swimmers and divers, are always polite, respectful and extremely sportsmanlike. I witnessed your young men cheering on athletes from other teams, just because they wanted to. At a recent meet, I even had one of the young men thank me after explaining why he was disqualified from an event.

*Reporting Official: Brian Temke*





## Who We Hold Near and Dear

We engage in another winter Tournament Series, which coincidentally, begins about the same time as a day known for its display of affection and appreciation for those we hold near and dear to our hearts.

For the WIAA family of member schools, the list is as long. At the top of the list, we treasure the young boys and girls that participate in interscholastic opportunities. We embrace them for their commitment, dedication, effort, and even for their perceived obstinance, lack of focus or inability to execute the well-conceived game plan. For it is they who make what we do so worthwhile, so important. We should not lose site of that. Not ever.

When we begin to lose perspective on why we do what we do, returning to that "happy place" can be easy as looking into the face of a child. So much potential; so much hope; and so much positive guidance we can offer.

There is far too much research confirming the benefits of participating in school-based activities--particularly athletics--to consider dismissing the impact these opportunities have on adolescents or to take these programs for granted. Another such research study conducted by Indiana State University reaffirmed what we've been advocating for decades. Students active in school sport programs are more likely to be successful academically than those who don't.

But research has confirmed there is more to it than just A-B-Cs--much more. We are talking about changing lives; saving lives. The ISU research references a 2011 City of Los Angeles study that found student-athletes attend almost a month more of school per year than non-participants, and athletes' G.P.A. were .55-.74 higher than their non-athlete peers. Similar results have been found with recent studies in Arkansas and Kansas.

With knowledge of all the good that school sports participation has on the well-being of young students, wouldn't it be in our hearts and best interest to find more ways to include all students in school programs? Are middle and high school administrators and coaches still espousing a philosophy of inclusion? Or, have schools turned over their programs to those with the club mentality for only the gifted few?

With evidence of the benefits this overwhelming, it appears contradictory to logic and the well-being of students to not find ways for more to contribute and participate. It may not be the easiest or convenient route, but it may be the most valuable. Besides, the same studies that have pronounced these positive benefits haven't demonstrated a correlation equating the highest G.P.A. with the highest scoring average, the fastest times or the most passing yards. Therefore, the studies demonstrate that benefits are for all student-athletes, not just for the most athletically gifted.

Next on the list of the things we hold near and dear is everyone responsible for those at the top of the list, because without them, interscholastic athletics wouldn't provide the teachable moments instrumental in school sports. The many coaches that give of themselves and sacrifice their time above and beyond their work day to teach valuable lifelong lessons by instilling discipline, sportsmanship, team work and that anything in life that's important requires significant effort. These teachable moments wouldn't be there without the teacher to articulate and shape the lesson. Among the most valuable of lessons is a message of hope and perseverance as an appropriate response to adversity, failure or even humiliation.

The list also includes athletic and school administrators that recognize school athletics as an indispensable partner with the traditional classroom curriculum in the total education experience. Without good leadership, it's difficult to achieve greatness.

Others deserving of our affection and appreciation are the purveyors of the rules responsible for maintaining the integrity of the games. Without rules, there's chaos; and without sport officials, there are no games. For that alone, they should be revered.

They also give of themselves to guarantee these opportunities are available in schools. Not only do they give, but too often they have a piece taken out of them by others who don't agree with their enforcement of the rules. Try to relate to a line of work where everything you do--or don't do--is critiqued by hundreds and thousands of self-proclaimed experts. Imagine an author writing a story with that many opinions on how the story should be written!

For the scores of others that work diligently behind the scenes to make these opportunities for kids possible, we extend appreciation. The custodians and grounds keepers who assure the venues are safe and attractive; the personnel who serve a critical role in timing, recording and displaying accuracy in their responsibilities; the statisticians, managers, videographers, booster clubs, sponsors, as well as the media that report and give recognition to the exploits of young student-athletes--they all contribute in enhancing the experience to keep school sports attractive for participants.

This may not be a completely exhaustive list; so if you're in a role that is benefiting young boys and girls through participation in school-based programs, please feel free to add yourself to the list. Because in the end, any assistance to make these sport opportunities available in schools deserves the membership's affection and appreciation.

The foundation of this association and its member schools is a genuine caring and devotion to kids. It is foremost in its governance and existence. It is disheartening when this unadulterated truth is twisted and used to gain support, not for the good of the entire membership, but for selfish motives.

Because we all stand for the enrichment of lives for all boys and girls, consider this a thank you to all those we hold near and dear by giving a part of themselves to serve the student-athletes whose lives are enriched by education-based sports. ■



## Keep These Dates in Mind

February 9	Wrestling Individual Regionals
	Boys Swimming Sectionals
February 12	Wrestling Team Sectionals
February 12, 14 & 15	Boys & Girls Hockey Regionals
February 15-16	Boys State Swimming & Diving Meet (Madison)
February 16	Wrestling Individual Sectionals
February 19, 22 & 23	Boys & Girls Hockey Sectionals
	Boys Basketball Regionals
February 21-22-23	State Wrestling Individual Tournament (Madison)
	Gymnastics Sectionals
February 26	Deadline to Announce Board/Council Candidacy
February 26, March 1 & 2	Girls Basketball Regionals
February 28, March 1 & 2	Boys State Hockey
February 28 & March 2	Boys Basketball Sectionals
March 1	Board of Control Meeting
March 1-2	Girls State Hockey
	State Gymnastics
	State Team Wrestling
March 4	Earliest Day for Track & Field Practice
March 5	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting - Gymnastics
	Board/Council Primary Ballot Mailed
March 7-8-9	Boys State Basketball (Madison)
March 7 & 9	Girls Basketball Sectionals
March 8	Scholar Athlete Nomination Due Date
March 11	Earliest Day for Softball Practice
March 14-15-16	Girls State Basketball (Green Bay)
March 18	Earliest Day for Girls Soccer Practice
	Earliest Day for Baseball (Spring) Practice
March 20	Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting - Wrestling (Stevens Point)
March 25	Earliest Day for Boys Golf Practice
	Earliest Day for Boys Tennis Practice
March 26	Primary Ballot Return Deadline
March 29	Board/Council Election Ballot Mailed
March 29	Good Friday
March 31	Easter



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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 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 dates for ACT.

#### ACT - 2012-2013

Test Date	Registration Deadlines	
	Regular Deadline	Late Fee Required
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

#### ACT - 2013-2014

September 21, 2013	February 8, 2014*
October 26, 2013	April 12, 2014
December 14, 2013	June 14, 2014

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

### Did you know . . .

a recent NFHS/NIAAA study indicates students participating in two sports had a higher average GPA than those playing one sport and that students participating in three sports had a higher GPA than those playing two sports?

