

Season Regulations

The regulations for each of the sports recognized and regulated by the WIAA are contained in the three editions of SEASON REGULATIONS. The first edition covers fall sports (cross country, football, girls golf, boys soccer, girls swimming & diving, girls tennis and volleyball). The second edition covers winter sports (basketball, gymnastics, hockey, boys swimming & diving and wrestling). The third edition covers spring sports (baseball, boys golf, lacrosse, girls soccer, softball, boys tennis, track & field).

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WIAA Calendar

Official for 2025-26; Tentative for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Track & Field (Boys and Girls)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 36).....	March 9	March 8	March 6
Earliest Day for First Meet (Week 37)	March 17	March 16	March 14
Regionals (Week 47)	May 26	May 24	May 22
Sectionals (Week 47)	May 29	May 27	May 26
State (Week 48).....	June 5-6	June 4-5	June 2-3
Softball			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 37).....	March 16	March 15	March 13
Earliest Day for First Game (Week 38).....	March 24	March 23	March 21
Regionals (Divisions 2-3-4-5) (Week 46 & 47)	May 21, 26, & 28	May 20, 25 & 27	May 18, 23 & 25
Regionals (Division 1) (Week 47).....	May 26 & 28	May 25 & 27	May 23 & 25
Sectionals (Week 48)	June 2 & 4	June 1 & 3	May 30 & June 1
State (Week 49).....	June 10-11-12-13	June 9-10-11-12	June 7-8-9-10
Lacrosse			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 37).....	March 16	March 15	March 13
Earliest Day of First Game (Week 38).....	March 24	March 23	March 21
Regional Quarterfinal (if needed).....	May 26	May 25	May 23
Regionals – Girls (Week 47 & 48).....	May 28 & June 2	May 27 & June 1	May 25 & 30
Regionals – Boys (Week 47 & 48).....	May 29 & June 2	May 28 & June 1	May 26 & 30
Sectionals (Week 47 & 48).....	June 4 & 6	June 3 & 5	June 1 & 3
State (Week 49).....	June 13	June 12	June 10
Girls Soccer			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 38).....	March 23	March 22	March 20
Earliest Day for First Game (Week 39).....	March 31	March 30	March 28
Regionals (Divisions 1-2) (Week 48).....	June 2 & 6	June 1 & 5	May 30 & June 3
Regionals (Divisions 3-4) (Week 48).....	June 2, 4 & 6	June 1, 3 & 5	June 30 & June 1 & 3
Sectionals (Week 49).....	June 11 & 13	June 10 & 12	June 8 & 10
State (Week 50).....	June 18-19-20	June 17-18-19	June 15-16-17
Baseball			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 38).....	March 23	March 22	March 20
Earliest Day for First Game.....	March 31	March 30	March 28
Regionals (Divisions 2-3-4).....	May 28, June 2 & 3	May 27, June 1 & 2	May 25, 30 & 31
Regionals (Division 1)	June 2 & 4	June 1 & 3	May 30 & June 1
Sectionals (Divisions 1-2-3-4)	June 9	June 8	June 6
State (Week 50).....	June 15-16-17-18	June 14-15-16-17	June 12-13-14-15
Boys Tennis			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 39).....	March 30	March 29	March 27
Earliest Day for First Meet.....	April 3	April 2	March 31
Subsectionals.....	May 26-27	May 24-25	May 22-23
Sectionals.....	May 28-29	May 26-27	May 24-25
Individual State (Week 48).....	June 4-5-6	June 3-4-5	June 1-2-3
Team State (Week 49).....	June 12-13	June 11-12	June 9-10
Boys Golf			
Earliest Day for Practice	March 30	March 29	March 27
Earliest Day for First Meet.....	April 2	April 1	March 30
Regionals.....	May 26-27	May 25-26	May 23-24
Sectionals.....	June 2-3	June 1-2	May 30-31
State	June 8-9	June 7-8	June 5-6

Baseball (Boys)

SEASON REGULATIONS

(Rules in this section are specific for sport involved. Refer to Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Eligibility for regulations related to age, residence, scholarship, amateur status, etc.)

ALERT: State Law (175.22) prohibits use of cell phones (and other image-recording devices) in locker rooms except in emergency situations.

1. PRESEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON

- a. Organizational meetings may be conducted outside the season provided no instruction or practice is included and the meeting(s) has been approved by school administration.
- b. So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students, there shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31** for all WIAA sports sponsored by the school. Sanctioned school contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
- c. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual school season of a sport. Subsequently, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school and/or school coach involvement. 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 in all WIAA sports sponsored by the school, without restriction **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**. Note: Whether an opportunity is school sponsored or not, coach contact may not exceed Board of Control approved contact days.
- d. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as sanctioned school coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with the 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 contact is as follows:
 - (a) Sanctioned School Coaching Contact - Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded sanctioned school coaching contact **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section.
 - 1) There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no sanctioned school coaching contact prior to (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport. This does not affect nonschool programming.
 - 2) Football must follow the WIAA Fall Acclimatization policy.
 - (b) Nonschool Programming – Coaches in all sports except football have been afforded nonschool program contact beyond the sanctioned school contact days that is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session from the last day of school to the start of school) in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2 – A and C-1) of Rules of Eligibility, Article VI - Nonschool Participation.

Note: Coaches or others may not mandate participation or provide any incentives to athletes for participating in summertime/out-of-season activities/programs. Participation may not be a requirement for making a school team or earning a letter award, etc.

2. LENGTH OF SEASON

- a. The earliest day practice may begin is the Monday of Week 38 (March 23). The season ends with the State Tournament concluding on Thursday of Week 50 (June 18).
- b. Baseball conditioning for pitchers may be conducted for five (5) days during the week prior to the first date for baseball practice (Sun to Sat). There must be a day of rest for at least one calendar day before the season begins. This activity is considered out-of-season and voluntary.
 - (1) Only one session per day per athlete permitted—the maximum length of the session is two hours per individual.
 - (2) The program can be conducted indoors or out depending on the weather.
 - (3) The conditioning program is limited to pitchers and catchers in grades 9 through 12.
 - (4) Balls, gloves and catcher's protective equipment are the only equipment permitted. Portable pitching mounds are permitted. (Bats, batting tees, fungos, batting cages, pitching machines, etc., are strictly prohibited.)
 - (5) The program may consist only of warm-ups, stretching, calisthenics, weight training, running, other conditioning exercises and throwing. Throwing is permitted only because it is an important aspect of conditioning the arm.
 - (6) A coach must be present at all conditioning sessions.
 - (7) Safety Precautions – Catchers should wear full equipment. Do not use anyone to assume a batter's position while pitchers are throwing, since although pitching control may be an outcome of the program, it is not a program objective.

Note: It is a violation of WIAA rules to allow work on fielding, covering bases, pick-offs or any other related fundamental, and therefore, these types of drills are strictly prohibited. In addition, it should not be used as a tryout, and team cuts are not permitted.

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- a. There must be practices on a minimum of seven different days before the first game may be played.
- b. The first five days of practice may not involve a team from outside the school.
- c. The minimum days of practice prior to the first competition is a team requirement. While it is desirable for each participant to satisfy this requirement, schools will determine when students may begin competition.
- d. Teams must rest from all physical activity for at least one calendar day after six consecutive days of practice or competition. In the event extreme weather forces a WIAA tournament contest to be cancelled, school administration may request relief.

4. SCRIMMAGES

- a. One scrimmage, over one day, with another school or schools may be conducted in addition to the maximum allowed games, provided all athletes participating meet all WIAA and school eligibility requirements (exceptions: students ineligible due to academic deficiency, code of conduct violations, or those required to miss the next competitive event, due to being ejected from their last competitive event, may participate at the discretion of the school), and:
 - (1) Five different days of practice have elapsed.
 - (2) There is no loss of academic class time.
 - (3) There is no score kept in a book or on a scoreboard.
 - (4) Each high school team, i.e., varsity, JV, sophomore, freshman, is allowed one scrimmage.
An individual student is allowed to participate in only one day of scrimmage activity.
Note: An individual student may participate in multiple levels of scrimmages conducted on the same day.
 - (5) It may be held any time during the regular season or the WIAA tournament series.

b. Any interschool scrimmage other than the one described in 4-a counts toward the maximum allowed games.

Note: If either school counts a scrimmage as a game, it must be counted as a game for both programs, schools or teams.

5. DATE OF FIRST GAME

The first game may not be played before Tuesday, March 31.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED GAMES

- a. The maximum number of games is 26. Schedules of all teams should be clearly published and separated by level for each team sponsored by a school.
- b. Conference tournaments must be included in count of regular season maximums.
- c. No game may be scheduled (but a game may be rescheduled if postponed) after either of the schools involved has begun WIAA tournament series competition.
- d. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed games.
- e. Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- a. A student may not participate in more than 26 games, but a student who participates at multiple levels on the same day playing in one inning of a varsity game or three innings of a subvarsity game does not count toward the maximum number of games.
- b. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed games.
- c. WIAA Pitching Restrictions

All baseball teams at all levels will maintain a pitch count log for all pitchers during the school baseball season (regular and WIAA tournament).

- (1) The pitch count is based on the number of pitches thrown to batters during an at-bat. Warm-up pitches allowed before the game, in between innings or allowed by the umpire in case of injury or game delay do not count.
- (2) Pitches are counted, and when the number of pitches reaches a certain level, the pitcher must take off the required days of rest. The maximum number of pitches is 100.

Age	Maximum Number of Pitches	Required Days of Rest (Pitches)				
		0 Days	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days
HS	100	1-30	31-49	50-75	76-100	--
MS 11-12	85	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+
MS 13-14	95	1-20	21-35	36-50	51-65	66+

- (3) When the pitcher reaches 100 pitches, he may not pitch to another batter. He may only finish pitching to the current batter.
 - (4) The pitching rule applies even though a game is called (ended) by the umpire because of darkness, rain or some other factor before it has become an official game.
 - (5) At the pregame meeting, coaches should have a copy of their pitch-count log for any questions about pitcher status. Each team will designate a pitch-count person for their team. It is recommended (but not mandatory) that a responsible individual be a separate pitch recorder who will also record pitch counts from an area behind home plate.
 - (6) At the end of each complete inning, coaches (and pitch-count recorder if present) will meet at a location designated by the team host and/or umpire to review pitch counts. If there is a difference, the coaches must resolve the difference before beginning the next inning.
 - (7) If the counts differ, the following will be used to determine the pitch count:
 - If a pitch-count recorder is present and two of three agree, the majority will be considered official.
 - If a pitch-count recorder is present and none of the three agree, the pitch-count recorder will be considered official.
 - If a pitch-count recorder is not present, the home counter will be considered official.
 - (8) At the conclusion of the game, both head coaches and pitch counter if present will sign the pitch count chart.
 - (9) It is not the responsibility of game officials to enforce the pitch-count rule. Schools must report violation to the WIAA office following competition. Violations are considered in the same manner as a school using an ineligible student. The minimum penalty for such violations is forfeiture of the game.
- d. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- a. A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game or meet) at the same level of competition as the disqualification.
 - (1) Ejections for violations of Rule 3, Section 3, Article 1, a-d and f, and Rule 1, Section 5, Article 1 (removal of helmet) do not require the player to miss the next contest with request to the WIAA office, unless the umpire deems the act to be flagrant or unsportsmanlike.
- b. Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game. During the regular season, schools should establish their own policy as to whether athletes are allowed to be in uniform and participate in pregame and postgame activity, if they are ineligible to compete due to flagrant and/or unsportsmanlike conduct, athletic and/or academic code violations, or for any other reason.
- c. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.

9. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT GAME SITE

Schools are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and State Tournament at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

10. CONTEST CONTROL

- a. All schools are responsible before, during, and after a contest for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students, and other spectators and, when requested, a school must complete a report regarding the contest in which a problem occurred (WIAA Bylaws, Article X).
- b. Schools are expected to prohibit and/or eliminate pranks and/or mischief or any other activity involving destruction, theft, etc., of athletic facilities, equipment and material.
- c. Schools are required to conduct a pre-contest meeting (Pre-event Emergency Action Plan Meeting) that shall include event management, the head official and medical personnel present at the event, to discuss the Emergency Action Plan.

11. LICENSED OFFICIALS

A minimum of two WIAA licensed officials (umpires) are required for all interscholastic competition.

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

For all games and practices, emergency procedures should be in place as per DPI and Wisconsin Statute 121.02 (1) (g) Emergency Nursing Service. These should include, but are not limited to, such things as:

- a. A physician available by phone or on location.
- b. Phone location and phone numbers available for contacting physician and/or ambulance service.
- d. A designated physician or licensed athletic trainer will determine whether an injured athlete may continue whether or not consciousness is involved. They may consult with another physician if they desire, but their decision will be final. Coaches cannot keep medical personnel from examining athletes that are or may be injured.

13. CONCUSSION AND/OR UNCONSCIOUS PARTICIPANT

No athlete shall return to play or practice on the same day of being diagnosed with a concussion. Any athlete suspected of having a concussion must be evaluated by an appropriate health-care professional that day. Any athlete with a concussion must be medically cleared by an appropriate health-care professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition. Return to play must follow a step-wise protocol which includes provisions for delaying return to play based upon the return of any signs or symptoms. Any athlete deemed unconscious must have medical evaluation and clearance before being allowed to return to participation.

14. OXYGEN AND FLUIDS PROVIDED INTRAVENOUSLY

- a. Oxygen administered by mechanical means for recuperative purposes is not permitted.
- b. Fluids provided intravenously is an invasive procedure to be used only in emergency situations. An athlete may not return to competition the same day.
Note: See WIAA Medical Policies and Procedures for additional medical information.

15. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

The official rules for all interscholastic competition are contained in the (a) current edition of BASEBALL RULES and (b) related publications and interpretations of the National Federation with the following provisions:

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- a. Ten Run Rule (4-2-2) shall be used in all regular season and WIAA tournament series competition.
The game shall end when the visiting team is behind 10 or more runs after 4 1/2 innings, or after the fifth inning if either team is 10 runs behind and both teams have had an equal number of times at bat.
- b. A game called for any reason, where a winner cannot be determined, will be treated as a suspended game (Rule 4-3). If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension and a suspended game will be completed unless both schools agree not to do so.
- c. If a regular season game is called prior to the completion of any full inning, NFHS Rule 4-2-3 will be applied. If a WIAA tournament game is called prior to the completion of any full inning, after the fifth inning, the game becomes a suspended game if the visiting team has scored one or more runs to tie the score or take the lead and the home team has not retaken the lead (Rule 4-2-3).
- d. Two seven-inning games shall constitute a doubleheader (NFHS rule 4-2-2b). By mutual agreement of school administration, nonvarsity five-inning doubleheaders may be scheduled.
- e. Courtesy Runners
 - (1) The team at bat may use courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher at any time. The same runner may not be used for both positions. Neither the pitcher nor catcher will be required to leave the game under such circumstances.
 - (2) Players who have participated in the game in any other capacity are ineligible to serve as courtesy runners.
 - (3) A player may not run as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher and then be used as a runner or batter for another player in that half inning.
Penalty: For illegal substitution, such substitute shall be ejected.

- f. A time limit may be placed on nonvarsity games. Innings in progress must be completed and no new inning may be started once the time limit has elapsed, regardless of the number of innings played, unless tied in tournament play (Rule 4-2-4). This is a conference or host school decision not umpire's prerogative.

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. Nonvarsity teams shall be allowed to wear old varsity uniforms, which are now unapproved, provided participant safety is not jeopardized.
- b. Coaches must report to their school administration within 48 hours following a contest any player or coach ejection. School administrators must then report the ejection to the WIAA via written communication within three (3) school days following the contest. This written communication must also include a plan of action to prevent future ejections. Officials will continue to provide electronic reports to the WIAA.

STATE ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. It is strongly recommended that schools which schedule games on facilities without dugouts, separate the dugout area from the spectator area with fencing, rope or similar protective measure.
- b. It is recommended all eligible substitutes be listed on the back of the line-up card given to the umpire before the game.

16. NON-VARSITY TEAMS WITH ONLY GRADE 9 STUDENTS

The above rules will apply for Grade 9 teams with the following adaptations:

- a. The season ends on the last day of school.
- b. **Each team may also engage in one interschool practice and/or scrimmage in addition to their maximum number of games. A game involving the faculty or a school controlled group, such as a team of intramural players, does not count as one of the maximum number of permissible contests.**

17. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON GRADE 8 TEAMS

- a. Rules governing junior high/middle level competition are contained in the Junior High/Middle Level Handbook.
- b. A school may not allow its students in Grades 9, 10, 11 and/or 12 to compete against another member school's students in Grade 8 and/or below.

Note: In emergency situations a waiver may be requested allowing 9th grade student(s) at member middle schools to compete at the 8th grade level at member middle schools.

- c. Rules governing Grade 9 season length apply for teams with students Grade 9 and below.

Baseball (Boys)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN FOUR DIVISIONS (1-2-3-4).

The largest 112 schools sponsoring baseball are in Division 1, with the remaining schools divided equally between Divisions 2, 3 and 4.

Note: If there is an uneven number of schools for Division 2, 3, and 4: with one extra school, Division 4 will include one more school or with two extra schools, Divisions 3 and 4 will include one more than Division 2.

- a. Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to July 1. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

Note: Please refer to tournament performance factor and procedures outlined in the Constitution. Article III, 3B and Appendix N.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, PAIRINGS AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 28) of WIAA Senior High Handbook.

- a. Schools are assigned to:
 - Division 1 – One of 8 sectionals with regional competition on Tuesday and Thursday, June 2 and 4.
 - Division 2-3-4 – One of 4 sectionals (8 regionals) with regional competition on Thursday, May 28; Tuesday, June 2 and Wednesday, June 3.
- b. Each grouping will be seeded by the coaches in that group.
 - (1) The higher seed of each pairing will host each tournament game until the sectional level. The most important consideration is getting the game played when scheduled. If the field is not playable, the game should be moved to an alternate site provided by the highest seeded team or moved to the opponent's field.
 - Note 1: In the event of a conflict in which one school has graduation scheduled on the date of a regional game and mutual agreement cannot be reached on a rescheduled time or date, the start time will be 1 p.m. on the published date of the regional game.
 - Note 2: If the date of the regional game is changed due to graduation and the contracted umpires are not available due to the change, they must be paid their game fee according to the contract. It is the responsibility of the schools to find new officials and pay the additional fees. WIAA will reimburse for the two officials working the game, and the schools must absorb the cost of the contracted officials.
 - (2) All sectional games will be played at sites predetermined by the WIAA.
 - (3) There is no repairing of schools for sectional play.
- c. Sectionals
 - (1) Winners of regionals participate in one of eight Division 1 or one of four each Divisions 2, 3 or 4 sectionals on Tuesday, June 9.
- d. State
 - (1) The State Tournament involving eight Division 1 sectional champions and four each Divisions 2, 3 and 4 sectional champions will be played on Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday, June 15-16-17-18 in Appleton (Fox Cities Stadium).
 - (2) The schedule of games is:
 - Division 1 – Quarterfinals Monday morning and afternoon; semifinals Wednesday evening and finals Thursday evening.
 - Division 2 – Semifinals Wednesday morning and finals Thursday late afternoon.
 - Division 3 – Semifinals Tuesday afternoon and finals Thursday afternoon.
 - Division 4 – Semifinals Tuesday morning and finals Thursday morning.
 - (3) The head coaches of qualifying teams in each division will determine the seeds using the Seed Meeting guidelines outlined in the Tournament Procedures. WIAA staff will conduct these meetings.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 4-5) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

ADDITIONS

Note: The Ten Run Rule (NF 4-2-2) shall be used in all WIAA regular season and tournament series competition.

- a. A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has played more than 26 games or in less than four games during the regular season.
- b. The highest seeded team shall be the home team for all regional tournament games.
- c. The maximum number of participants for each tournament game is 18. There is no limitation on the number of players in uniform for each tournament game.

Failure to comply with this regulation will result in forfeiture of the contest. Alleged violations must be called to the attention of the Association office no later than the following day (not including Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays).

- d. Host schools are NOT permitted to allow participating schools to practice on their facilities prior to their tournament.
- e. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy

The Board of Control has approved a policy for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or drones at outdoor WIAA State Tournament Series events. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. Drone operation requires a Remote Pilot Command license. Operators must also receive written consent from the WIAA executive office at least 24 hours in advance, as well as approval of the host facility event management. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook. Contact the WIAA office with all requests to operate drones at WIAA Tournament events.

- f. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

SEEDING PROCEDURES

- a. The Seeding Meeting
 - (1) The entire sectional will be seeded together in Division 1. Divisions 2-3-4 will be seeded in half-sectional groups. Seeding meeting hosts should contact all schools in their grouping to determine whether to hold an in-person or virtual meeting. A hybrid option may be allowed. Coaches with travel more than 80 miles one-way may participate in the seeding meeting using a video conferencing tool as determined by the host school. Note: Fax and email only is not allowed.
 - (2) Seeding Meetings must be held between May 18-21 for Divisions 2-3-4. Division 1 seeding meetings will be May 24-27.
 - (3) Each coach must share scores of their team's games to every other school in their regional grouping two days prior to the Seeding Meeting using the online season summary form.
 - (4) The Seeding Meeting host must report the seeding results/pairings using the online form as soon as possible upon the completion of your meeting.
- b. At the Seeding Meeting
 - (1) Coaches are required to participate in seeding meetings.
 - (2) Each school will designate one person to speak on behalf of their school.
 - (3) If a school is not represented at the seeding meeting, their school may still be seeded, if appropriate. If the school is not deserving of a seed, they may be ranked/positioned last.
 - (4) Each coach will update his/her Season Summary to include any games played to date.
 - (5) Prior to the start of the meeting, have the coaches draw to determine the order of presentations. Each coach should be allowed three minutes to discuss their season.
 - (6) Coaches should consider these factors when determining their seeds:
 - (a) Coaches comments.
 - (b) Head-to-head competition against teams in their regional grouping.
 - (c) Comparative scores against like opponents.
 - (d) Conference standings.
 - (e) Relative strength of schedule.
 - (f) Overall win-loss record.
 - (g) Other special factors (e.g., injury of a key player, etc.).
 - (7) Once everyone has had the opportunity to speak, coaches should complete their Ranking Sheet. Coaches are not allowed to rank their own team.
 - (8) After all Ranking Sheets are turned in, the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner (e.g., chalkboard, chart, overhead, etc.).
 - (9) The rankings shall be tallied and the team with the lowest number will be the #1 seed, the team with the second lowest number shall be the #2 seed, etc., until all seeds are determined.
- c. Breaking Ties

If a tie results during seeding, move to the tie-breaking procedure below:

 - (1) The coaches involved in the tie shall have one minute to state his/her claims to the higher seeded position.
 - (2) All coaches not involved in the tie will have one vote to determine which team gets the higher seeded position. The Seeding Meeting host will ask coaches to vote for the team that should receive the higher seeded position. No coach is allowed to abstain from voting.
 - (3) After all ballots are turned in the Seeding Meeting host will record the ballots in a visible manner.
 - (4) The team with the most votes receives the higher seeded position.
 - (5) If the vote results in a tie, repeat this procedure.
 - (6) If after two attempts, the tied vote remains, a coin flip will determine the higher seeded team.
- d. Appeal Procedure

If a team feels it should have received a higher seeded position, once the votes have been tabulated, it may appeal its position relative to that of any other team. The following procedures shall be used:

 - (1) Appeals may NOT be made for a lower seed. Always start from the bottom and work toward the top seed when working through the appeal process.
 - (2) The coach making the appeal shall have one minute to state his/her claims to the higher seeded position. The coach of the team being challenged will then have one minute to state his/her claim to that position.
 - (3) All coaches NOT involved in the appeal will have one vote to determine which team gets the higher seeded position. No coach is allowed to abstain from voting.
 - (4) A request/appeal for a higher seed and a subsequent concede must go to a vote (it is not an automatic change).
 - (5) After all ballots are turned in, the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner.
 - (6) The team with the most votes receives the higher seeded position.
 - (7) A team may make any number of appeals, but an appeal between the same teams cannot be repeated. Teams may only appeal one seed higher at a time.
Example: School is seeded 6 and feels they should be the 4 seed. First, they must appeal for the 5 seed. If successful in obtaining the 5 seed, they could then appeal for the 4 seed.
 - (8) If when voting on an appeal a tie vote occurs, the original placement shall stand.
 - (9) If this is an attempt to break a tie from the original placement of teams, continue to hash it out until the vote determines the placement of teams. Use a coin flip only when it appears there is no way to break the tie.

(10) A team cannot appeal a tie-breaking vote.

(11) All disagreements regarding seeding must be settled at this meeting. Once the meeting is over, the seeds are final. The WIAA will not change the results of your seeding meeting or hear appeals.

- e. If a disqualifying violation is confirmed after brackets have been seeded, the opponent of the disqualified team shall advance regardless of their bracket position and no other adjustments shall be made within the bracket.

TOURNAMENT HOSTS

- a. After the seeds are determined, the schools should be placed on the Bracket Form on the predesignated line.
- b. For all regional tournament games, the highest seeded team shall be the home team. Note: in all sectional semifinal games as well as Division 1 sectional finals, the higher seeded team will be the home team. A coin flip will determine the home team for Divisions 2, 3 and 4 sectional final games.
- (1) At the State tournament, the higher seed in all divisions will be the home team throughout.
- c. If the host school's facility is unplayable on game day, the game should be moved to an alternate site provided by the highest seeded team or moved to the opponent's field.

4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition

The host school determines the schedule within the dates specified under Section 2.

Note 1: In the event of a conflict in which one school has graduation scheduled on the date of a regional game and mutual agreement cannot be reached on a rescheduled time or date, the start time will be 1 p.m. on the published date of the regional game.

Note 2: If the date of the regional game is changed due to graduation and the contracted umpires are not available due to the change, they must be paid their game fee according to the contract. It is the responsibility of the schools to find new officials and pay the additional fees. WIAA will reimburse for the two officials working the game, and the schools must absorb the cost of the contracted officials.

- b. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract two officials licensed with the WIAA as umpires. Names will be provided to the host school. The host school shall issue contracts and checks to officials for game fee and expenses as provided below.

(a) Opt outs of forfeits after WIAA has contracted officials may require school to pay for official fees.

(2) Officials will be paid:

(a) Officiating Fee - **\$90** per game.

(b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.

(c) Officials shall travel together when geographically feasible with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.

- c. Awards

(1) Plaque to championship teams (Divisions 2, 3 and 4 only). Sent to winner following contest.

- d. Finances

(1) Host School Allowances

(a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting an event.

(b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts.

1) Fees and expenses of officials.

2) Host School - **\$85** per game and manager fee - **\$75** per game.

(c) If a balance remains after payments are made as listed above, the WIAA and the host school will share equally (**50-50**) in this amount.

(d) If tournament receipts do not cover items listed in (b) above, the WIAA will subsidize the difference.

(2) Allowance to Participating Schools

None.

(3) Ticket Prices – Child/Student/Adult – \$6

(a) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children under 6 years of age.

(4) Admission Policies

Free admissions shall be provided only for:

(a) 18 uniformed players on the roster.

(b) Five additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.)

(c) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of 8 individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

5. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition

The host school determines the schedule within the dates specified under Section 2.

- b. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract three L5 or Master officials as umpires. Names will be provided to the host school. The host school shall issue contracts and checks to officials for game fees and expenses as provided below.

(2) Officials will be paid:

(a) Officiating Fee - **\$100** per game.

(b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.

- (c) Officials shall travel together when geographically feasible with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.
- c. Awards
 - (1) Plaque to championship teams.
 - (2) Plaque to runner-up teams (Division 1 only).
 - (3) Medals to members (18) of championship and runner-up teams.
- d. Finances
 - (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting an event.
 - (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts.
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) Host School - \$96 per game and manager fee - \$85 per game.
 - (c) If a balance remains after payments are made as listed above, the WIAA and the host school will share equally (50-50) in this amount.
 - (d) If tournament receipts do not cover items listed in (b) above, the WIAA will subsidize the difference.
 - (2) Allowance to Participating Schools
None.
 - (3) Ticket Prices – Child/Student/Adult – \$7
 - (a) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children under 6 years of age.
 - (4) Admission Policies
Free admissions shall be provided only for:
 - (a) 18 uniformed players on the roster.
 - (b) Five additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.).
 - (c) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of 8 individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

6. STATE TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition – The higher seed team will be the home team on the scoreboard and for batting order.
 - Monday, June 15
 - Division 1 Quarterfinals – 9 a.m.
 - Game 1 – #4 Seed vs. #5 Seed
 - Game 2 – #1 Seed vs. #8 Seed
 - Division 1 Quarterfinals – 2:30 p.m.
 - Game 3 – #3 Seed vs. #6 Seed
 - Game 4 – #2 Seed vs. #7 Seed
 - Tuesday, June 16
 - Division 4 Semifinals – 9 a.m.
 - Game 1 – #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
 - Game 2 – #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
 - Division 3 Semifinals – 2:30 p.m.
 - Game 1 – #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
 - Game 2 – #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
 - Wednesday, June 17
 - Division 2 Semifinals – 9 a.m.
 - Game 1 – #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
 - Game 2 – #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
 - Division 1 Semifinals – 2:30 p.m.
 - Game 5 – Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2
 - Game 6 – Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4
 - Thursday, June 18
 - Division 4 Finals – 9 a.m.
 - Division 3 Finals – Noon
 - Division 2 Finals – 3 p.m.
 - Division 1 Finals – 6 p.m.
- b. Seeding Procedures
 - (1) The Seeding Meeting
 - (a) Coaches of the state qualifying teams will meet on Wednesday following sectionals at 6 p.m. If teams are still competing that Wednesday, then the meeting will be at 8 a.m. on Thursday.
 - (b) In Division 1, all eight qualifying teams will be placed in rank order in bracket format.

- (c) All Division 2, 3 and 4 coaches will meet together to seed the four teams in each division.
- (d) Each coach will update his/her team Season Summary to include all team competition and provide to all other State teams (Division 1 group or Divisions 2, 3 and 4 groups) by noon on Wednesday after sectionals.
- (2) At the Seeding Meeting
Seeding procedures listed on page 7 under b., c., and d. will be followed.
- c. Officials
 - (1) The WIAA will select 12 umpires for the State Tournament. Four person crews will officiate each game of the State Finals series.
 - (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - \$110 per game.
 - (b) Expenses - \$25 per day and 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (c) Officials shall travel together with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.
- d. 2026 - Official State Tournament Ball: Diamond D1-PRO.
- e. Awards
 - (1) Trophy to championship and runner-up teams.
 - (2) Medals to members (18) of championship and runner-up teams.
- f. Finances
 - (1) Participating Schools Allowance
Schools will receive an allowance for lodging that is necessary for when they are competing only. Once a school is eliminated from the tournament, the expenses incurred will become the responsibility of the school. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:
 - (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city (each day if necessary) at the rate of \$2 per mile.
Note: No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament city.
 - (b) Meals at the daily rate of \$10 for breakfast, \$10 for lunch, and \$12 for dinner for each player in uniform plus two other persons.
Note: The amount of meal allowance received is contingent upon departure time to State Tournament site and arrival time from State Tournament site, but the minimum meal allowance will be \$10 on each day.
 - (c) Lodging at the rate of \$35 per night for each player in uniform plus two other persons. Schools less than 50 miles from Appleton will not be reimbursed for lodging.
 - (2) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket.

Single Session.	\$11*
All Day Pass (in and out privileges).	\$20*

 *Online ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.
 - (3) Admission Policies
Free admissions will be provided only for:
 - (a) 18 uniformed players on the roster.
 - (b) Five additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.).
 - (c) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of 8 individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

6. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)

Golf (Boys)

SEASON REGULATIONS

(Rules in this section are specific for sport involved. Refer to Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Eligibility for regulations related to age, residence, scholarship, amateur status, etc.)

ALERT: State Law (175.22) prohibits use of cell phones (and other image-recording devices) in locker rooms except in emergency situations.

1. PRESEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON

- a. Organizational meetings may be conducted outside the season provided no instruction or practice is included and the meeting(s) has been approved by school administration.
- b. So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students, there shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31** for all WIAA sports sponsored by the school. Sanctioned school contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
- c. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual school season of a sport. Subsequently, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school and/or school coach involvement. 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 in all WIAA sports sponsored by the school, without restriction **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**. Note: Whether an opportunity is school sponsored or not, coach contact may not exceed Board of Control approved contact days.
- d. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as sanctioned school coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with the 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 contact is as follows:
 - (a) Sanctioned School Coaching Contact - Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded sanctioned school coaching contact **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section.
 - 1) There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no sanctioned school coaching contact prior to (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport. This does not affect nonschool programming.
 - 2) Football must follow the WIAA Fall Acclimatization policy.
 - (b) Nonschool Programming – Coaches in all sports except football have been afforded nonschool program contact beyond the sanctioned school contact days that is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session from the last day of school to the start of school) in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2 – A and C-1) of Rules of Eligibility, Article VI - Nonschool Participation.

Note: Coaches or others may not mandate participation or provide any incentives to athletes for participating in summertime/out-of-season activities/programs. Participation may not be a requirement for making a school team or earning a letter award, etc.

2. LENGTH OF SEASON

The earliest day practice may begin is Monday of Week 39 (March 30). The season ends on Tuesday of Week 49 (June 9).

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- a. There must be practices on a minimum of three different days before the first competition may be conducted.
- b. The minimum days of practice may not involve a team from outside the school.
- c. The minimum days of practice prior to the first competition is a team requirement. While it is desirable for each participant to satisfy this requirement, schools will determine when students may begin competition.
- d. Teams must rest from all physical activity for at least one calendar day after six consecutive days of practice or competition. In the event extreme weather forces a WIAA tournament contest to be cancelled, school administration may request relief.

4. SCRIMMAGES

Any interschool scrimmage counts toward the maximum allowed meets.

5. DATE OF FIRST MEET

The first meet may not be held before Thursday, April 2.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

- a. The maximum number of meets is 15 if one meet is scheduled on a non-school day. Schedules of all teams should be clearly published and separated by level for each team sponsored by a school.
- b. Conference tournaments must be included in count of regular season maximums.
- c. No meet may be scheduled (but may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved have begun WIAA tournament series competition.
- d. No meet may continue more than two days.
- e. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed meets.
- f. Competition involving students not eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams (e.g., Grade 7-8 students) must be conducted at a time other than during the period (start to finish) of a meet.
- g. Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.
- h. A two-day meet will count as one meet when scores for all teams are combined total of the two days played and awards can only be given for two day total scores.

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- a. A student who participates at both the varsity and nonvarsity levels during the season may not participate in more than 15 meets.
- b. Only students eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams may participate on an exhibition basis.
- c. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- a. A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game or meet) at the same level of competition as the disqualification.
- b. Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game. During the regular season, schools should establish their own policy as to whether athletes are allowed to be in uniform and participate in pregame and postgame activity, if they are ineligible to compete due to flagrant and/or unsportsmanlike conduct, athletic and/or academic code violations, or for any other reason.
- c. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.
- d. Disqualifications as a result of USGA rule violations (e.g., signing for a wrong score, arriving late for a tee time, etc.) shall not require a player to miss the next event for unsportsmanlike conduct.

9. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT TOURNAMENT SITE

A school which practices on a course (except home course(s)) where later in the season (regular season and WIAA tournament series) it will be competing must count such practices in its maximum allowed meets. Each school golf team may designate up to three courses within 25 miles of their school as their "home course" for practice. Exceptions: One practice round will be allowed at the regional and sectional site outside the 15 meet maximum. Teams participating in the State Tournament will be allowed one designated practice round on the State Tournament site outside the 15 meet maximum. The course used for the State Championship may not be designated as a "home course" for any school golf program.

10. CONTEST CONTROL

- a. All schools are responsible before, during and after a meet for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students and other spectators and, when requested, a school must complete a report regarding the meet in which a problem occurred (WIAA Bylaws, Article X).
- b. Schools are expected to prohibit and/or eliminate pranks, mischief or any other activity involving destruction, theft, etc., of athletic facilities, equipment and material.
- c. Schools are required to conduct a pre-contest meeting (Pre-event Emergency Action Plan Meeting) that shall include event management, the head official and medical personnel present at the event, to discuss the Emergency Action Plan.

11. LICENSED OFFICIALS

NOT APPLICABLE

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

For all meets and practices, emergency procedures should be in place as per DPI and Wisconsin Statute 121.02 (1) (g) Emergency Nursing Service. These should include, but are not limited to, such things as:

- a. A physician available by phone or on location.
- b. Phone location and phone numbers available for contacting physician and/or ambulance service.
- c. A designated physician or licensed athletic trainer will determine whether an injured athlete may continue whether or not consciousness is involved. They may consult with another physician if they desire, but their decision will be final. Coaches cannot keep medical personnel from examining athletes that are or may be injured.

13. CONCUSSION AND/OR UNCONSCIOUS PARTICIPANT

No athlete shall return to play or practice on the same day of being diagnosed with a concussion. Any athlete suspected of having a concussion must be evaluated by an appropriate health-care professional that day. Any athlete with a concussion must be medically cleared by an appropriate health-care professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition. Return to play must follow a step-wise protocol which includes provisions for delaying return to play based upon the return of any signs or symptoms. Any athlete deemed unconscious must have medical evaluation and clearance before being allowed to return to participation.

14. OXYGEN AND FLUIDS PROVIDED INTRAVENOUSLY

- a. Oxygen administered by mechanical means for recuperative purposes is not permitted.
- b. Fluids provided intravenously is an invasive procedure to be used only in emergency situations. An athlete may not return to competition the same day.

Note: See WIAA Medical Policies and Procedures for additional medical information.

15. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

WIAA Season Regulations and WIAA Season Regulations approved at the January Board of Control meeting (**as identified on the WIAA website**) and the official rules for all interscholastic competition as contained in the (a) current edition of RULES OF GOLF and (b) related publications and interpretations of the United States Golf Association with these additional provisions:

ADAPTATIONS TO USGA RULES

- a. The host school or a conference will determine the type of play (match, medal or combination match-medal) governing competition.
- b. A player improperly attired will not be allowed to tee off. If the player removes an outer garment during play, and the clothing underneath is illegal, that player shall receive a warning for their first offense, and if they fail to correct the problem or commit a second offense, they will be disqualified from competition for unsportsmanlike conduct.

When a golf course has specific attire rules, (i.e., collared shirt) players will comply with the rule or will not be allowed to participate in the meet. Host school shall enforce the attire rule.

Inappropriate dress includes, but is not limited to, clothing displaying anything relating to drugs, alcohol, tobacco or inappropriate language or gestures.

- (1) A boy must be attired in a shirt (not sleeveless) and golf slacks, tailored shorts (golf or tennis shorts) or jeans (but not those frayed or altered). Golf shoes or rubber-soled shoes must be worn.
 - (2) A girl must be attired in NO LESS than a sleeveless blouse and tailored shorts (golf or tennis shorts) or jeans (but not those frayed or altered). Golf shoes or rubber-soled shoes must be worn.
- c. Manufacturer's logo's on warm-up or competition clothing are not a violation if they do not exceed 2" x 3" (excluding shoes, socks and equipment such as golf bags and umbrellas). University and professional names and logos are not allowed on warm-up or competition apparel. Hats are allowed if they refer to a team's school name, nickname, mascot, or do not include artwork with the manufacturer's logo and do not exceed the 2" x 3" manufacturer's logo restriction. Plain hats are acceptable.
- d. Coaches aware of unsportsmanlike conduct (throwing or burying of clubs, swearing, illegal use of DMD, etc.) should report the violation to the tournament manager. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be penalized as follows:
- (1) Player: first violation - warning; second violation - 2 stroke penalty; third violation - disqualification from competition. Players may also assess another player a warning for the first violation and 2 stroke penalty for the second unsportsmanlike conduct violation, but must report a third violation to the tournament manager for disqualification.
In addition, a two-stroke penalty will be assessed to a player who throws a club, which, even inadvertently, strikes any person. Any flagrant throwing of a club, causing danger to any person will result in disqualification and that player will be required to miss the next meet.
 - (2) Coach: first violation - 2 stroke penalty applied to team score; second violation - disqualification of entire team.
- Players disqualified from competition will also be required to miss the next event on their schedule.
- e. When the local committee believes temporary conditions interfere with proper playing of the game, permitting lifting, cleaning and replacing a ball anywhere through the green or on a closely mown area through the green may be provided. A closely mown area is the golfers own fairway only. If the fairway is not defined, the players will determine fairway borders.
- f. Pull carts are permissible. Caddies, electric golf caddy, and riding carts are not permitted, except a riding cart may be approved by the WIAA for an individual with a permanent illness/disability. Permission must be requested for using a riding cart for a permanent illness/disability prior to the individual's first meet.
- g. Two designated coaches are allowed to coach during competition. The designated coach may give rule options to their own players anytime, and rule options to other competitors ONLY when asked by that competitor. The designated coach is only allowed on the greens to manage the flagstick and allowed to rake bunkers after a player has completed their shot from a bunker. The persons acting as a coach must be under contract with the school as a golf coach. Players may accept verbal and hand signal advice from their school's designated coach only. Notes, tees, and other items left behind by teammates and/or coaches are prohibited. Coaches cannot align players while the player is at address nor delay Pace of Play in any way. Penalty for violation of the coaching rule is two strokes on first offense and disqualification of player on second offense by same player. The penalty for violating the flagstick rule is revocation of allowing the coach on the green.
- h. Host schools must determine an appropriate length of time to play the course. Each host manager must mark the starting time on a designated card for each group, with one card marked per group. The recommended amount of time is two hours and 15 minutes for nine holes and four hours and 30 minutes for 18 holes. First violation - warning; second violation - a one-stroke penalty will be assessed to groups that do not meet the pace of play limits. Players are allowed a maximum of 40 seconds to play a shot when it is their turn to play. First violation - warning; second violation - a one-stroke penalty assessed to the player by the tournament manager..
- i. During the regular season and the WIAA tournament series, there shall be no practice putting after the completion of a hole.
- j. During the regular season and the WIAA tournament series, host schools must relocate as many forward and men's tees as necessary to create a women's length course that is approximately 15% shorter than the men's length course.
- k. A golf meet is closed and all committee decisions will stand once results of the meet have been officially announced.
- l. Players are allowed to use an electronic measuring device (EMD) as approved by USGA regulations during competition. A player can request to use an EMD and/or ask for distance information and these must be provided.
- m. Electronic communication devices (e.g., cellular telephones, smartphones, PDAs, etc.) may be used in emergency situations, to follow live scoring and to text coach to coach during competitions. Talking on one of these devices is only permitted off the golf course. Violations will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct, resulting in: first violation – two stroke penalty applied to team score; second violation – disqualification of entire team.
- n. When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by a player, his partner, his opponent or equipment.

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. Coaches must report to their school administration within 48 hours following a contest any player or coach ejection. School administrators must then report the ejection to the WIAA via written communication within three (3) school days following the contest. This written communication must also include a plan of action to prevent future ejections. Officials will continue to provide electronic reports to the WIAA.

16. NON-VARSITY TEAMS WITH ONLY GRADE 9 STUDENTS

The above rules apply with these additional provisions:

- a. The season ends on the last day of school.

17. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON GRADE 8 TEAMS

- a. Rules governing junior high/middle level competition are contained in the Junior High/Middle Level Handbook.
- b. A school may not allow its students in Grades 9, 10, 11 and/or 12 to compete against another member school's students in Grade 8 and/or below.
Note: In emergency situations a waiver may be requested allowing 9th grade student(s) at member middle schools to compete at the 8th grade level at member middle schools.
- c. Rules governing Grade 9 season length apply for teams with students Grade 9 and below.

Golf (Boys)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN THREE DIVISIONS

- From the largest 138 schools, those sponsoring boys golf are in Division 1. Of the remainder, 50% are in each of Divisions 2 and 3. (2026 - 132 schools in Division 1, 120 in Divisions 2, 121 in Division 3).
- If there are an uneven number of schools for Divisions 2 and 3, Division 3 will include one more school than Division 2.
- Cooperative teams are placed into divisional competition on the basis of the combined enrollment of the schools involved.
- Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to July 1. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

Note: Please refer to tournament performance factor and procedures outlined in the Constitution. Article III, 3B and Appendix N.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, QUALIFYING AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 28) of WIAA Senior High Handbook.

Schools are assigned to:

- Division 1
One of 16 regionals on Tuesday or Wednesday, May 26 or 27 (or earlier by mutual consent) with the first four teams and top four individuals, who are not members of a qualifying team, qualifying for one of eight sectionals (eight teams plus eight individuals) on Tuesday or Wednesday, June 2 or 3.
- Division 2 and Division 3
One of 12 regionals on Tuesday or Wednesday, May 26 or 27 (or earlier by mutual consent) with the first four teams and top four individuals, who are not members of a qualifying team, qualifying for one of four sectionals (twelve teams plus twelve individuals) on Tuesday or Wednesday, June 2 or 3.
- State Tournament
The first two teams and top three individuals, who are not members of a qualifying team, in each sectional (Divisions 1, 2, and 3) will participate in the State Tournament on Monday and Tuesday, June 8-9 at University Ridge, Madison.

Note: Assignment of teams to tournaments and host schools for these tournaments can be found on the WIAA website < wiaawi.org > shortly after the season gets under way.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 12 and 13) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

EXCEPTIONS

15. a. under adaptations to USGA rules does not apply.

ADDITIONS

- A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 15 meets (including practices on sites of future competition) or in less than four meets during the regular season.
- A player shall not have anyone caddy for them during the State practice round.
- A tournament team consists of four or five individuals but only the scores of the top four are used to determine the total team score. The scores of the top four golfers on each day (18 holes) are added to determine total score (36 holes) in the State Tournament.

Note: A school may enter less than a regular team for purposes of individual competition.

- Competition will be medal play.
 - Regional and sectional play is 18 holes unless conditions exist that reduce the number of holes as determined by the Games Committee, not just the tournament manager.
 - State play is 36 holes unless conditions exist that reduce the number of holes as determined by the Games Committee.
- Playoff Procedures (Regional and Sectional)

Note: A player disqualified from regular competition will not be allowed to participate in a playoff.

- When conditions allow, a playoff should be held to break individual or team ties that determine who advances to the next level. Playoffs are on a sudden victory (hole-by-hole) basis.

- When conditions do not allow play to be held to break individual or team ties, the scorecard will be used to break the tie using the following procedure:

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| 1st Step | Score(s) from Holes 10-18. |
| 2nd Step | Score(s) from Holes 13-18. |
| 3rd Step | Score(s) from Holes 16-18. |
| 4th Step | Score(s) from Hole 18. |
| 5th Step | Score(s) from Holes 1-9. (First step when only nine holes are completed.) |
| 6th Step | Score(s) from Holes 4-9. |
| 7th Step | Score(s) from Holes 7-9. |
| 8th Step | Score(s) from Hole 9. |

(To break team ties, best four out of five scores would be used for all steps. The fifth player's score would not be used to break a tie.)

Playoffs are on a sudden victory (hole-by-hole) basis.

- (3) Team – Playoffs are necessary to determine the first and second place teams at the sectional level. At the regional level, playoffs are necessary to determine the first place team and the fourth place team. All five individuals of the team will participate in the playoff with the scores of the top four counted. The score of each individual is not cumulative. The fifth player's score is not used to break a team tie.
- (4) Individual – Playoffs are necessary to determine the first place individual at the sectional meet and the four individual qualifiers from regional-to-sectional and the three individual qualifiers from sectional-to-State.

Note: The individuals advancing are from schools whose team did not qualify. Players of schools which have qualified a team for advancement are not counted in determination of individual qualifiers.

Playoff at State Meet

Playoffs will be conducted to determine the first place team and the first place individual. Duplicate medals will be awarded for ties in individual places two through six with a maximum of five medals being awarded unless there is a tie for sixth place. Duplicate awards will be awarded to teams tying for second place. The designated playoff holes at the State Golf Championships will be hole one and hole nine. Players will continue to play the two holes in succession until the tie is broken.

- f. An Individual Entry Form provided all participating schools must be completed by participating schools and submitted on-line by the date indicated. Changes in the line-up of five competitors may be made until one hour before the start of competition or until a reasonable time as determined by the host school manager. A school whose team qualifies from one tournament level to another may make changes in its five competitors at each tournament level, but schools which qualify only an individual (or more than one individual) may not make changes.
- g. In the event weather prevents completion of a tournament, the winning teams and individuals will be determined on the basis of the last complete nine holes of competition. The Games Committee shall make decisions regarding suspension or continuation of play due to weather.
- h. Galleries are permitted where allowed by course rules; however, galleries must stay on cart paths or in the rough. Galleries at the state tournament will be restricted to the cart paths.
- i. No nonvarsity competition or practice is allowed in conjunction with a WIAA tournament.
- j. Practice putting on a previous green is not allowed during the regular season and WIAA tournament series.
- k. Carts will not be allowed at any WIAA tournament event for spectators, except spectators who have been issued a disability parking certificate or disability license plate by the state of Wisconsin or that are physically disabled under the Americans with Disability Act will be allowed to rent carts. One electric cart will be allowed for use during the Meet. Expenses for this cart need to be handled by the coach/school making the request. Coaches choosing to use an electric cart will be required to remain on the cart paths. In addition: players, parents, and spectators may NOT be given rides. This one cart is only for the coaching staff. Coaches are allowed to carry players' clothing, food, umbrellas, water, allowed energy drinks (see the WIAA Banned and Discouraged list), etc. Carts can be purchased at the golf course. A card will be provided to be placed in the tee times display of the cart. This allows State Meet Managers to regulate coaches' carts.
- l. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy
The Board of Control has approved a policy for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or drones at outdoor WIAA State Tournament Series events. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. Drone operation requires a Remote Pilot Command license. Operators must also receive written consent from the WIAA executive office at least 24 hours in advance, as well as approval of the host facility event management. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook. Contact the WIAA office with all requests to operate drones at WIAA Tournament events.
- m. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition
 - (1) The host school determines the date and time of competition at the regional level within the dates specified under Section 2, and participating schools will learn this information via the WIAA website.
Note: The date of a WIAA golf tournament may not be moved ahead of the scheduled days without prior WIAA approval and approval of all schools involved.
- b. Awards
 - (1) Plaque to championship team.
- c. Finances
 - (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) The school will receive **\$110**.
 - (b) The tournament manager will receive **\$90**.
Note: Greens fees and balls will be the obligation of each participating school.
 - (2) Participating Schools Allowance
 - (a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

5. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition
 - (1) The host school determines the date and time of competition at the sectional level within the dates specified under Section 2, and participating schools will learn this information via the WIAA website.
Note: The date of a WIAA golf tournament may not be moved ahead of the scheduled days without prior WIAA approval and approval of all schools involved.
- b. Awards
 - (1) Plaque to championship team.
 - (2) Medals to members (6) of championship and runner-up teams and first five individuals.
 - (3) The individual qualifiers (3), who are not members of a team, will receive a medal even if they do not place in the top five.

- c. Finances
 - (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) The school will receive **\$110**.
 - (b) The tournament manager will receive **\$90**.
 - Note: Greens fees and balls will be the obligation of each participating school.
 - (2) Participating Schools Allowance
 - (a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

6. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

The following time schedule will be followed:

Friday, June 5	TBD	Coaches Meeting - All Divisions via Zoom
Monday, June 8	7 a.m.	Tee off - Divisions 1, 2 and 3
Tuesday, June 9	7 a.m.	Tee off - Divisions 1, 2 and 3

b. Awards

- (1) Trophy to championship and runner-up teams.
- (2) Medals to members (6) of the championship and runner-up teams.
- (3) Medals to the top six individuals.

c. Finances

(1) Participating Schools Allowance

Schools will receive an allowance for their State Tournament expenses. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

- (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city at the rate of **70¢** per mile.
 Note: No allowance will be paid to school located in State Tournament city.
- (b) An allowance of **\$60** for each actual participant plus one other person.

(2) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket

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*On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.

(3) Admission Policies

Free admission will be provided only for:

- (a) Six members of qualified team.
- (b) Individual qualifiers.
- (c) Two additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.).
- (d) There is no provision for free admissions for school administrators, bands or cheerleaders.

Lacrosse (Boys and Girls)

SEASON REGULATIONS

(Rules in this section are specific for sport involved. Refer to Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Eligibility for regulations related to age, residence, scholarship, amateur status, etc.)

ALERT: State Law (175.22) prohibits use of cell phones (and other image-recording devices) in locker rooms except in emergency situations.

1. PRESEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON

- a. Organizational meetings may be conducted outside the season provided no instruction or practice is included and the meeting(s) has been approved by school administration.
- b. So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students, there shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31** for all WIAA sports sponsored by the school. Sanctioned school contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
- c. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual school season of a sport. Subsequently, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school and/or school coach involvement. 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 in all WIAA sports sponsored by the school, without restriction **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**. Note: Whether an opportunity is school sponsored or not, coach contact may not exceed Board of Control approved contact days.
- d. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as sanctioned school coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with the 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 contact is as follows:
 - (a) Sanctioned School Coaching Contact – Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded sanctioned school coaching contact **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section.
 - 1) There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no sanctioned school coaching contact prior to (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport. This does not affect nonschool programming.
 - 2) Football must follow the WIAA Fall Acclimatization policy.
 - (b) Nonschool Programming – Coaches in all sports except football have been afforded nonschool program contact beyond the sanctioned school contact days that is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session from the last day of school to the start of school) in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2 – A and C-1) of Rules of Eligibility, Article VI - Nonschool Participation.

Note: Coaches or others may not mandate participation or provide any incentives to athletes for participating in summertime/out-of-season activities/programs. Participation may not be a requirement for making a school team or earning a letter award, etc.

2. LENGTH OF SEASON

The earliest day practice may begin is Monday of Week 37 (March 16). The season ends with the State Tournament concluding on Saturday of Week 49 (June 13).

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- a. There must be practices on a minimum of seven different days before the first competition may be conducted.
- b. The first three days of practice may not involve a team from outside the school.
- c. The minimum days of practice prior to the first competition is a team requirement. While it is desirable for each participant to satisfy this requirement, schools will determine when students may begin competition.
- d. Teams must rest from all physical activity for at least one calendar day after six consecutive days of practice or competition. In the event extreme weather forces a WIAA tournament contest to be cancelled, school administration may request relief.

4. SCRIMMAGES

- a. One scrimmage, over one day, with another school or schools may be conducted in addition to the maximum allowed games, meets, or contests, provided all athletes participating meet all WIAA and school eligibility requirements (exceptions: students ineligible due to academic deficiency, code of conduct violations, or those required to miss the next competitive event, due to being ejected from their last competitive event, may participate at the discretion of the school), and:
 - (1) Three different days of practice have elapsed.
 - (2) There is no loss of academic class time.
 - (3) Each high school team, i.e., varsity, JV, sophomore, freshman, is allowed one scrimmage.
 - (4) An individual student is allowed to participate in only one day of scrimmage activity. Note: An individual student may participate in multiple levels of scrimmages conducted on the same day.
 - (5) There is no score in a book or on a scoreboard.
 - (6) A win/loss does not count in a team's overall record.
- b. Any interschool scrimmage other than the one described in 4. a. counts toward the maximum allowed games.

Note: If either school counts a scrimmage as a game, it must be counted as a game for both programs, schools or teams.

5. DATE OF FIRST GAME

The first game may not be held before Tuesday, March 24.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED GAMES

- a. Conference tournaments must be included in count of regular season maximums.
- b. The maximum number of games will be 18. Each game in a multi-school tournament will count as one toward the maximum allowed games. Schedules of all teams should be clearly published and separated by level for each team sponsored by a school.
- c. No team may play in more than three games in one day.
- d. No game may be scheduled (but a game may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved in the rescheduled event have begun WIAA tournament series competition.
- e. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed meets.
- f. Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- a. A student who participates at both the varsity and nonvarsity levels on the same day may not participate in more than six quarters.
- b. Entry into any portion of a quarter/half counts as one of the allotted quarters/halves.
- c. It is not the responsibility of game officials to enforce the individual participation limits.
- d. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- a. A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game or meet) at the same level of competition as the disqualification.
- b. Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game. During the regular season, schools should establish their own policy as to whether athletes are allowed to be in uniform and participate in pregame and postgame activity, if they are ineligible to compete due to flagrant and/or unsportsmanlike conduct, athletic and/or academic code violations, or for any other reason.
- c. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.

9. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT TOURNAMENT SITE

Schools are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional and State Tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

10. CONTEST CONTROL

- a. All schools are responsible before, during and after a contest for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students and other spectators and, when requested, a school must complete a report regarding the contest in which a problem occurred (WIAA Bylaws, Article X).
- b. Schools are expected to prohibit and/or eliminate pranks, mischief or any other activity involving destruction, theft, etc., of athletic facilities, equipment, and material.
- c. Schools are required to conduct a pre-contest meeting (Pre-event Emergency Action Plan Meeting) that shall include event management, the head official and medical personnel present at the event, to discuss the Emergency Action Plan.

11. LICENSED OFFICIALS

Two licensed officials are required for all levels. Three licensed officials are recommended for varsity competitions.

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

For all meets and practices, emergency procedures should be in place as per DPI and Wisconsin Statute 121.02 (1) (g) Emergency Nursing Service. These should include, but are not limited to, such things as:

- a. A physician available by phone or on location.
- b. Phone location and phone numbers available for contacting physician and/or ambulance service.
- c. A designated physician or licensed athletic trainer will determine whether an injured athlete may continue whether or not consciousness is involved. They may consult with another physician if they desire, but their decision will be final. Coaches cannot keep medical personnel from examining athletes that are or may be injured.

13. CONCUSSION AND/OR UNCONSCIOUS PARTICIPANT

No athlete shall return to play or practice on the same day of being diagnosed with a concussion. Any athlete suspected of having a concussion must be evaluated by an appropriate health-care professional that day. Any athlete with a concussion must be medically cleared by an appropriate health-care professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition. Return to play must follow a step-wise protocol which includes provisions for delaying return to play based upon the return of any signs or symptoms. Any athlete deemed unconscious must have medical evaluation and clearance before being allowed to return to participation.

14. OXYGEN AND FLUIDS PROVIDED INTRAVENOUSLY

- a. Oxygen administered by mechanical means for recuperative purposes is not permitted.
- b. Fluids provided intravenously is an invasive procedure to be used only in emergency situations. An athlete may not return to competition the same day.

Note: See WIAA Medical Policies and Procedures for additional medical information.

15. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

The official rules for all interscholastic competition are contained in the (a) current edition of LACROSSE RULES and (b) related publications and interpretations of the National Federation with these additional provisions:

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- a. Two licensed officials are required for all levels. Three licensed officials are recommended for varsity competitions (3-5-1).
- b. Overtime shall not be played at the JV or freshmen level.
- c. During the regular season, it is recommended to use NFHS girls and boys field markings, but the unified markings are allowed. For the WIAA Tournament series, the girls and boys field markings are preferred, but the unified markings are allowed.

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. Pre-Game Protocol

For consistency statewide, the following pre-game protocol will be used prior to scheduled kickoff:

 - (1) 15 minutes - officials begin their on-field responsibilities
 - (2) 10 minutes - coach and captain(s) meet with officials for pregame conference.
 - (3) 7 minutes - official blows whistle and
 - (a) Teams line up on the touch line and shake hands.
 - (b) National Anthem and/or player introductions.
 - (c) Play begins.
- b. Officials will be required to submit a game report to the WIAA following the completion of any level dual or multischool tournament if any yellow and/or red cards are issued. Officials are required to report to the WIAA any yellow cards issued in a varsity contest.
- c. Nonvarsity teams shall be allowed to wear old varsity uniforms, which are now unapproved, because of recent National Federation uniform rule changes provided participant safety is not jeopardized.
- d. Coaches must report to their school administration within 48 hours following a contest any player or coach ejection. School administrators must then report the ejection to the WIAA via written communication within three (3) school days following the contest. This written communication must also include a plan of action to prevent future ejections. Officials will continue to provide electronic reports to the WIAA.

16. NON-VARSITY TEAMS WITH ONLY GRADE 9 STUDENTS

The above rules apply with these additional provisions:

- a. The season ends on Saturday of Week 49 (June 13).

17. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON GRADE 8 TEAMS

- a. Rules governing junior high/middle level competition are contained in the Junior High/Middle Level Handbook.
- b. A school may not allow its students in Grades 9, 10, 11 and/or 12 to compete against another member school's students in Grade 8 and/or below.

Note: In emergency situations a waiver may be requested allowing 9th grade student(s) at member middle schools to compete at the 8th grade level at member middle schools.

- c. Rules governing Grade 9 season length apply for teams with students Grade 9 and below.

Lacrosse (Boys and Girls)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN ONE DIVISION

- a. Cooperative teams are placed into divisional competition on the basis of the combined enrollment of the schools involved.

Note: Please refer to tournament performance factor and procedures outlined in the Constitution. Article III, 3B and Appendix N.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, PAIRINGS AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 25) of WIAA SENIOR HIGH HANDBOOK.

- a. Schools are assigned to one of two sectionals.
- (1) Each regional will be seeded by the coaches in that group.
- b. Regional semifinal games will be scheduled for Thursday, May 28 (girls) and Friday, May 29 (boys).
- c. Regional final games will be scheduled for Tuesday, June 2.
- d. Sectional semifinal games will be scheduled for Thursday, June 4.
- e. Sectional final games will be scheduled for Saturday, June 6.
- f. Each grouping will be seeded by the coaches in that grouping.
- (1) The higher seeded team will host through the sectional final game, provided that school has a facility, or access to a facility on the approved site list.
Note: A school may prearrange to host at another facility, BUT that facility must still be listed on the approved site list.
 - (2) If the higher seeded team does not have access to a field on the approved site list, the opponent will be given the opportunity to host under the same criteria.
 - (3) If neither team is able to secure a field on the approved site list, the higher seeded team will host.
Note: Criteria for Approved Site List (must be updated annually) deadline September 15, 2025.
Site must be able to charge admission AND
Boys fields must meet (a) or (c) below.
Girls fields must meet (b) or (c) below.
 - (a) Boys: 53 ½ to 60 yds width, 110 length. Crease 9 ft radius.
 - (b) Girls: 110-140 length, 60-70 width - NFHS requirements. Crease = 8.5 ft radius.
 - (c) Unified: (Boys and Girls on same field) 120 length x 53 ½ to 60 yds width, 110 length. Crease 9 ft radius.
- g. Sectional final games will be hosted by the higher seed. If unable to host, a neutral site will be used.
- h. Final approval of all sites will rest with the WIAA.
- i. State Tournament

Note: Beginning in the 2025-26 season, a cooperative team is eligible for the WIAA team tournament series if it is approved by the Co-op committee. The criteria for approval will include an assessment of the number of schools in the co-op, the number of districts represented, the number of athletes, total school enrollment, years of existence, and competitiveness (state appearances).

- (1) Winners of the two sectionals participate in the State Tournament. The State Tournament Championship games will be played Saturday, June 13 at Bank of Sun Prairie Stadium at Ashley Field, Sun Prairie. The girls championship game will be played at 1 p.m. Boys championship game to follow immediately after the awards ceremony.
- (2) The four head coaches of qualifying teams seed the State brackets.
- (3) If a team is disqualified from the State Tournament and replaced by the last defeated opponent, teams will be reseeded using the specific sport state seeding criteria if the disqualification occurs 24 hours prior to the start of the first game of the State Tournament series (regardless of division).

Anytime after the 24 hour deadline, a replacing team will be placed in the bracket where the disqualified team was originally seeded.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 1-3) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

EXCEPTIONS

- a. 15. b. and c. under National Federation Allowed Adaptations do not apply.

ADDITIONS

- a. A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 18 games.
- b. A school must participate in a minimum of four games in the regular season to be eligible for tournament competition.
- c. Host schools are not permitted to allow participating schools to practice on their facilities prior to the tournament.
- d. The maximum number of participants for each tournament game is 30. Each participating school will be allowed a maximum of 30 players in full uniform for each tournament game.

Note: Each team will be allowed a total of 7 personnel, in addition to their players in uniform, in their team box at the State Tournament.

Noncompliance with this regulation, once competition has begun, shall be regarded as flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the head coach resulting in his/her immediate ejection (leave premises) when brought to the attention of the game officials.

Note: If no other coach or faculty member of that school is present to supervise the team, the game shall be forfeited and the team disqualified from further participation in the tournament series.

- (1) A school may change its team make-up from one tournament game to the next.
- (2) Schools are expected to provide tournament managers a list of its participants for program purposes.

e. Jersey Colors

- (1) Higher seeded team will wear white uniforms and be designated as the home team throughout the WIAA tournament series.

Note 1: For the sectional final game, if equal seeds, the first school alpha will wear white uniforms and be designated as home team on the scoreboard.

Note 2: If sectional final host school is not the higher seed, the host school will wear white jerseys and be recognized as the home school on the scoreboard.

f. Both teams shall be located on the same side of the field.

- g. If a tournament contest is suspended at any point it will be continued from the point of suspension on the next available date, unless both coaches agree to let the recorded score stand.

h. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy

The Board of Control has approved a policy for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or drones at outdoor WIAA State Tournament series events. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. Drone operation requires a Remote Pilot Command license. Operators must also receive written consent from the WIAA executive office at least 24 hours in advance, as well as approval of the host facility event management. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook. Contact the WIAA office with all requests to operate drones at WIAA Tournament events.

- d. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

SEEDING PROCEDURES

a. Before the Seeding Meeting

- (1) Seeding meetings must be conducted prior to 10 p.m. Sunday, May 17.
- (2) All seeding meetings will be **virtual**.
- (3) Each coach shall provide their Season Summary to every other school in their regional grouping and to the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting by the date designated by the seeding meeting host. The WIAA Season Summary form must be used.

(4) Seeding Meeting host will be paid \$70 by the WIAA.

b. At the Seeding Meeting

- (1) Coaches are required to participate in seeding meetings.
- (2) Each school will designate one person to speak on behalf of their school.
- (3) If a school is not represented at the seeding meeting, their school may still be seeded, if appropriate. If the school is not deserving of a seed, they may be ranked/positioned last.
- (4) Each coach will update his/her Season Summary to include any games played after form was submitted.
- (5) All groupings will meet together and seed as a complete group. The grouping will not be split into top eight in one room and remaining schools in a different room.
- (6) Prior to the start of the meeting, have the coaches draw to determine the order of presentations. Each coach should be allowed three minutes to discuss their season.
- (7) Coaches should consider these factors when determining their seeds (factors are not listed in any order of preference):
 - (a) Coaches comments.
 - (b) Head-to-head competition against teams in their regional grouping.
 - (c) Comparative scores against like opponents.
 - (d) Conference standings.
 - (e) Relative strength of schedule.
 - (f) Overall win-loss record.
 - (g) Other special factors (e.g., injury of a key player, etc.).
- (8) Once everyone has had the opportunity to speak, coaches should complete their Ranking Sheet. Coaches are not allowed to rank their own team.
- (9) After all Ranking Sheets are turned in, the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner (e.g., chalkboard, chart, overhead, etc.).
- (10) The rankings shall be tallied and the team with the lowest number will be the #1 seed, the team with the second lowest number shall be the #2 seed, etc., until all seeds are determined.

c. Breaking Ties

If a tie results during seeding, move to the tie-breaking procedure below:

- (1) The coaches involved in the tie shall have one minute to state his/her claims to the higher seeded position.
- (2) All coaches not involved in the tie will have one vote to determine which team gets the higher seeded position. The Seeding Meeting host will ask coaches to vote for the team that should receive the higher seeded position. No coach is allowed to abstain from voting.
- (3) After all ballots are turned in the Seeding Meeting host will record the ballots in a visible manner.
- (4) The team with the most votes receives the higher seeded position.
- (5) If the vote results in a tie, repeat this procedure.
- (6) If after two attempts, the tied vote remains, a coin flip will determine the higher seeded team.

d. Appeal Procedure

If a team feels it should have received a higher seeded position, once the votes have been tabulated, it may appeal its position relative to that of any other team. The following procedures shall be used:

- (1) Appeals may NOT be made for a lower seed. Always start from the bottom and work toward the top seed when working through the appeal process.
- (2) The coach making the appeal shall have one minute to state his/her claims to the higher seeded position. The coach of the team being challenged will then have one minute to state his/her claim to that position.
- (3) All coaches NOT involved in the appeal will have one vote to determine which team gets the higher seeded position. No coach is allowed to abstain from voting.
- (4) After all ballots are turned in, the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner.
- (5) The team with the most votes receives the higher seeded position.
- (6) A team may make any number of appeals, but an appeal between the same teams cannot be repeated. Teams may only appeal one seed higher at a time.
Example: School is seeded 6 and feels they should be the 4 seed. First, they must appeal for the 5 seed. If successful in obtaining the 5 seed, they could then appeal for the 4 seed.
- (7) If when voting on an appeal a tie vote occurs, the original placement shall stand.
- (8) If this is an attempt to break a tie from the original placement of teams, continue to hash it out until the vote determines the placement of teams. Use a coin flip only when it appears there is no way to break the tie.
- (9) A team cannot appeal a tie-breaking vote.
- (10) All disagreements regarding seeding must be settled at this meeting. Once the meeting is over, the seeds are final. The WIAA will not change the results of your seeding meeting or hear appeals.

- e. During regional and sectional play, if a disqualifying violation is confirmed after brackets have been seeded, the opponent of the disqualified team shall advance regardless of their bracket position and no other adjustments shall be made within the bracket.

4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) Weekday contest times will be 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. Games may start earlier than 4 p.m. only with WIAA approval.
- (2) Weekend contest times will be 1 p.m., 4 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Note: The host school manager will determine the start time and are instructed to keep in mind travel for competing schools and daylight. Requests for alternative times will be handled by the WIAA on a case by case basis.

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract three officials for all regional games.
(a) Opt outs of forfeits after WIAA has contracted officials may require school to pay for official fees.
- (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule:
Referee - **\$90** Assistant Referees (2) - **\$90**
- (3) Officials will be paid 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
- (4) Officials shall travel together when geographically feasible with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.

c. Awards

- (1) None.

d. Finances

- (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting an event.
 - (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) Host School - **\$255** per game, including manager fee - **\$90** per game.
 - (c) If a balance remains after payments are made as listed above, the WIAA and the host school will share equally (**50-50**) in this amount.
 - (d) If tournament receipts do not cover items listed in (b) above, the WIAA will subsidize the difference.
- (2) Allowance to Participating Schools
 - (a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
- (3) Ticket Prices - Child/Student/Adult - \$6
Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children under 6 years of age.
- (4) Admission Policies
 - (a) Free admissions will be provided for (34) total:
 - 30 members of the team.
 - Two support staff (managers, trainers, etc.).
 - Head coach and one assistant.
 - (b) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of eight individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

5. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) Weekday contest times will be 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. Games may start earlier than 4 p.m. only with WIAA approval.
- (2) Weekend contest times will be 1 p.m., 4 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Note: The host school manager will determine the start time and are instructed to keep in mind travel for competing schools and daylight. Requests for alternative times will be handled by the WIAA on a case by case basis.

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract three officials for all sectional games.
- (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule:
Referee - **\$100** Assistant Referees (2) - **\$100**
- (3) Officials will be paid 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
- (4) Officials shall travel together when geographically feasible with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.

c. Awards

- (1) Plaque to championship team and runner-up.
- (2) Medals to members (30) of championship and runner-up teams.

d. Finances

(1) Host School Allowances

- (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting an event.
- (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) Host School - **\$255** per game, including manager fee - **\$90** per game.
- (c) If a balance remains after payments are made as listed above, the WIAA and the host school will share equally (**50-50**) in this amount.
- (d) If tournament receipts do not cover items listed in (b) previous page, the WIAA will subsidize the difference.

(2) Allowance to Participating Schools

- (a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

(3) Ticket Prices - Child/Student/Adult - \$7

Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children under 6 years of age.

(4) Admission Policies

- (a) Free admission will be provided for (34) total
 - 30 members of the team.
 - Two support staff (managers, trainers, etc.).
 - Head coach and one assistant.
- (b) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of 8 individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

6. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) The State Tournament Championship games will be played Saturday, June 13 at Bank of Sun Prairie Stadium at Ashley Field, Sun Prairie. The girls championship game will be played at 1 p.m. Boys championship game to follow immediately after the awards ceremony.

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract officials to work the State Tournament.
- (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule:
Referee - **\$110** Assistant Referees (3) - **\$110**
- (3) Officials will be paid 55¢ per mile (round trip for travel).
- (4) Officials shall travel together with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.
- (5) Officials will receive reimbursement for necessary food and lodging expenses.

c. Awards

- (1) Trophy to championship and runner-up teams.
- (2) Medals to members (30) of championship and runner-up teams.

d. Finances

(1) Participating Schools Allowance

Schools will receive an allowance for lodging that is necessary for when they are competing only. Once a school is eliminated from the tournament, the expenses incurred will become the responsibility of the school. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

- (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city (each day if necessary) at the rate of **\$2** per mile. No allowance will be paid to schools located in the State Tournament city.

(b) Meals at the daily rate of \$10 for breakfast, \$10 for lunch and \$12 for dinner for each player in uniform, plus two other persons.
 Note: The amount of meal allowance received is contingent upon departure time to State Tournament site and arrival time from State Tournament site, but the minimum meal allowance will be \$10 each day.

(c) Lodging at the rate of \$35 per night for each player in uniform, plus two other persons. Schools less than 50 miles from the State Tournament site will not be reimbursed for lodging.

(2) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket	Child/Student/Adult
Single Session.....	\$11*

*On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.

(3) Admission Policies

- (a) Free admissions will be provided for (34 total):
 - 30 members of the team.
 - 4 additional individuals (coaches, managers, athletic trainers, etc.).
- (b) For WIAA team championships, where space is available, two complimentary ticket will be provided to the athletic director and principal of participating schools for their personal use. These tickets are not transferable and will be provided upon request.
- (c) There is no provision for free admissions for cheerleaders.

Soccer (Girls)

SEASON REGULATIONS

(Rules in this section are specific for sport involved. Refer to Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Eligibility for regulations related to age, residence, scholarship, amateur status, etc.)

ALERT: State Law (175.22) prohibits use of cell phones (and other image-recording devices) in locker rooms except in emergency situations.

1. PRESEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON

- a. Organizational meetings may be conducted outside the season provided no instruction or practice is included and the meeting(s) has been approved by school administration.
 - b. So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students, there shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31** for all WIAA sports sponsored by the school. Sanctioned school contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
 - c. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual school season of a sport. Subsequently, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school and/or school coach involvement. 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 in all WIAA sports sponsored by the school, without restriction **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**. Note: Whether an opportunity is school sponsored or not, coach contact may not exceed Board of Control approved contact days.
 - d. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as sanctioned school coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with the 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 contact is as follows:
 - (a) Sanctioned School Coaching Contact - Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded sanctioned school coaching contact **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section.
 - 1) There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no sanctioned school coaching contact prior to (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport. This does not affect nonschool programming.
 - 2) Football must follow the WIAA Fall Acclimatization policy.
 - (b) Nonschool Programming – Coaches in all sports except football have been afforded nonschool program contact beyond the sanctioned school contact days that is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session from the last day of school to the start of school) in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2 – A and C-1) of Rules of Eligibility, Article VI - Nonschool Participation.
- Note: Coaches or others may not mandate participation or provide any incentives to athletes for participating in summertime/out-of-season activities/programs. Participation may not be a requirement for making a school team or earning a letter award, etc.

2. LENGTH OF SEASON

The earliest day practice may begin is Monday of Week 38 (March 23). The season ends with the State Tournament concluding on Saturday of Week 50 (June 20).

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- a. If multiple practices in a day are utilized (long day), they may not be scheduled on consecutive days. Practices are limited to alternating Short Days and Long Days.
 - (1) Short Day
 - (a) Maximum practice is 3 hours of physical activity plus a 30-minute recovery period.
 - (b) A 30-minute recovery period (rest in a cool environment and hydrate) must occur no later than 2 hours into practice.
 - (c) Unrestricted and unlimited access to water throughout physical activity is strongly encouraged.
 - (2) Long Day
 - (a) Maximum of one practice is 3 hours of physical activity plus a 30-minute recovery period.
 - (b) A 30-minute recovery period (rest in a cool environment and hydrate) must occur no later than 2 hours into practice.
 - (c) Minimum of a 3-hour break without physical exertion, in a cool environment, with rehydration before the second practice that day.
 - (d) The longer practice, which is limited to 3 hours of physical activity plus a 30-minute recovery period, may be at any time during the day. When combined with an additional practice, there must be a 3-hour break between.
 - (e) Maximum additional practice is 1.5 hours.
 - (f) Unrestricted and unlimited access to water throughout physical activity is strongly encouraged.
 - (3) After ten practices to the end of the season
 - (a) Only one practice allowed per day.
 - (b) Maximum practice is 2.5 hours.
 - (c) A 30-minute recovery period is not required.
 - (d) Monitor weather and heat conditions and adjust appropriately.
 - (e) Unlimited access to water and hydration should be available.

- b. There must be practices on a minimum of seven different days before the first competition may be conducted.
- c. The first three days of practice may not involve a team from outside the school.
- d. The minimum days of practice prior to the first competition is a team requirement. While it is desirable for each participant to satisfy this requirement, schools will determine when students may begin competition.
- e. Teams must rest from all physical activity for at least one calendar day after six consecutive days of practice or competition. In the event extreme weather forces a WIAA tournament contest to be cancelled, school administration may request relief.

4. SCRIMMAGES

- a. One scrimmage, over one day, with another school or schools may be conducted in addition to the maximum allowed matches or contests, provided all athletes participating meet all WIAA and school eligibility requirements (exceptions: students ineligible due to academic deficiency, code of conduct violations, or those required to miss the next competitive event, due to being ejected from their last competitive event, may participate at the discretion of the school), and:
 - (1) A school may not scrimmage against a nonschool affiliated club team.
 - (2) Three different days of practice have elapsed.
 - (3) There is no loss of academic class time.
 - (4) Each high school team, i.e., varsity, JV, sophomore, freshman, is allowed one scrimmage.
 - (5) An individual student is allowed to participate in only one day of scrimmage activity. Note: An individual student may participate in multiple levels of scrimmages conducted on the same day.
 - (6) There is no score in a book or on a scoreboard.
 - (7) A win/loss does not count in a team's overall record.
- b. Any interschool scrimmage other than the one described in 4. a. counts toward the maximum allowed matches.

Note: If either school counts a scrimmage as a match, it must be counted as a match for both programs, schools or teams.

5. DATE OF FIRST MATCH

The first match may not be held before Tuesday, March 31.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED MATCHES

- a. A school may not compete against a nonschool affiliated club team.
- b. Conference tournaments must be included in count of regular season maximums.
- c. The maximum number of matches will be 24. Each match in a multi-school tournament will count as one toward the maximum allowed matches. Schedules of all teams should be clearly published and separated by level for each team sponsored by a school.
- d. No team may play in more than 160 total minutes per day.
- e. No match may be scheduled (but a match may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved in the rescheduled event have begun WIAA tournament series competition.
- f. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed matches.
- g. Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- a. A student who participates at both the varsity and nonvarsity levels during the season may not participate in more than 48 halves for the season.
- b. Entry into any portion of a half counts as one of the 48 allotted halves.
- c. It is not the responsibility of match officials to enforce the individual participation limits.
- d. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- a. A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete match) at the same level of competition as the disqualification.
- b. Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that match. During the regular season, schools should establish their own policy as to whether athletes are allowed to be in uniform and participate in pregame and postgame activity, if they are ineligible to compete due to flagrant and/or unsportsmanlike conduct, athletic and/or academic code violations, or for any other reason.
- c. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.

9. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT TOURNAMENT SITE

Schools are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional and State Tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

10. CONTEST CONTROL

- a. All schools are responsible before, during and after a contest for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students and other spectators and, when requested, a school must complete a report regarding the contest in which a problem occurred (WIAA Bylaws, Article X).
- b. Schools are expected to prohibit and/or eliminate pranks, mischief or any other activity involving destruction, theft, etc., of athletic facilities, equipment, and material.
- c. Schools are required to conduct a pre-contest meeting (Pre-event Emergency Action Plan Meeting) that shall include event management, the head official and medical personnel present at the event, to discuss the Emergency Action Plan.

11. LICENSED OFFICIALS

Three licensed officials are required for all varsity (conference and nonconference) duals. Multischool varsity tournaments and subvarsity events may use a minimum of two licensed officials. (See 15. a.)

Note: In emergency situations, one licensed WIAA official and two volunteers may be used to officiate subvarsity matches. The volunteers would not need to be licensed and would not be required to be in a uniform. The volunteer official would only indicate when the ball is out of bounds and which team would get the throw in. The volunteer will not call offsides or fouls.

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

For all matches and practices, emergency procedures should be in place as per DPI and Wisconsin Statute 121.02 (1)(g) Emergency Nursing Service. These should include, but are not limited to, such things as:

- a. A physician available by phone or on location.
- b. Phone location and phone numbers available for contacting physician and/or ambulance service.
- c. A designated physician or licensed athletic trainer will determine whether an injured athlete may continue whether or not consciousness is involved. They may consult with another physician if they desire, but their decision will be final. Coaches cannot keep medical personnel from examining athletes that are or may be injured.

13. CONCUSSION AND/OR UNCONSCIOUS PARTICIPANT

No athlete shall return to play or practice on the same day of being diagnosed with a concussion. Any athlete suspected of having a concussion must be evaluated by an appropriate health-care professional that day. Any athlete with a concussion must be medically cleared by an appropriate health-care professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition. Return to play must follow a step-wise protocol which includes provisions for delaying return to play based upon the return of any signs or symptoms. Any athlete deemed unconscious must have medical evaluation and clearance before being allowed to return to participation.

14. OXYGEN AND FLUIDS PROVIDED INTRAVENOUSLY

- a. Oxygen administered by mechanical means for recuperative purposes is not permitted.
- b. Fluids provided intravenously is an invasive procedure to be used only in emergency situations. An athlete may not return to competition the same day.

Note: See WIAA Medical Policies and Procedures for additional medical information.

15. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

The official rules for all interscholastic competition are contained in the (a) current edition of SOCCER RULES and (b) related publications and interpretations of the National Federation with these additional provisions:

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- a. Schools must use a single referee and two WIAA licensed assistant referees for all varsity duals (conference and nonconference).
- b. Length of Periods (7-1-1).
 - (1) All varsity regular season contests will be played in two forty (40) minute halves. No overtime will be played.
 - (2) All subvarsity contests will be played in two forty (40) minute halves. No overtime will be played.
 - (3) Penalty kicks could be used to determine which team would advance in a tournament bracket.
- c. Overtime shall not be played at the JV or freshmen level. Penalty kicks could be used to determine which team would advance in a tournament bracket.
- d. Yellow cards received during regular season or tournament competition must be counted. Once a player has accumulated five yellow cards, they are suspended for the next match. Once the player accumulates three additional yellow cards, they are suspended for the next two matches; three more, they are suspended three matches, etc. These are minimum penalties. All yellow cards must be reported to the WIAA.

Note: Any team whose players and coaches, during the regular season, collectively receive a total of 24 or more yellow cards (including all second yellow/red cards) will be prohibited from participating in the WIAA State Tournament series. Any yellow cards received by the coach will count toward the 24 card total. Straight red cards count as two yellow.
- e. If a player receives a red card or a second yellow card resulting in disqualification, that individual is suspended for the next scheduled match. These are minimum penalties. All yellow and red cards must be reported to the appropriate head coach and to the WIAA.
- f. Any school whose players/coaches, during the regular season, collectively accumulates five or more straight red cards for abusive/profane language will be prohibited from participating in the WIAA State tournament series. Additionally, any individual player who accumulates three straight red cards for abusive/profane language will be prohibited from participating in the WIAA State Tournament series.

Note: This rule does not apply to straight red cards received during the tournament series.
- g. Soft and yielding caps may be worn during inclement weather (Rule 4-2-1f).
- h. In the event a match must be suspended because conditions make it impossible to continue before one complete half has been played, the match will continue from that point unless both coaches agree to let the recorded score stand. If at least one half of the match has been completed, the game is an official match.
- i. Following the completion of the first half, anytime the score differential reaches ten or more goals, the coaches may mutually agree to end the game. After 60 minutes of play, if there is a score differential of 8 or more the game shall end.
- j. Schools shall provide a scorer and scoretable for all varsity contests.

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. Pre-Game Protocol

For consistency statewide, the following pre-game protocol will be used prior to scheduled kickoff:

 - (1) 15 minutes - officials begin their on-field responsibilities
 - (2) 10 minutes - coach and captain(s) meet with officials for pregame conference.
 - (3) 7 minutes - official blows whistle and
 - (a) Teams line up on the touch line and shake hands.
 - (b) National Anthem and/or player introductions.
 - (c) Play begins.

- b. Post-game handshakes are recommended, not required.

Note: Officials' jurisdiction follows NFHS Rule 5-2

- c. Game officials or host schools will be required to complete a WIAA Yellow/Red Card Game Report on the WIAA website following the completion of all varsity duals or multischool tournaments. These electronic reports are required for every match whether yellow or red cards were issued or not. Once the report is complete, two of the three (visiting team, center official, host team) who did not submit the report will have an opportunity to verify the information submitted.

Note: In the case of ejections, a WIAA Ejection Form will need to be submitted in addition to the WIAA Yellow/Red Card Game Report.

- d. Nonvarsity teams shall be allowed to wear old varsity uniforms, which are now unapproved, because of recent National Federation uniform rule changes provided participant safety is not jeopardized.
- e. Coaches must report to their school administration within 48 hours following a contest any player or coach ejection. School administrators must then report the ejection to the WIAA via written communication within three (3) school days following the contest. This written communication must also include a plan of action to prevent future ejections. Officials will continue to provide electronic reports to the WIAA.

STATE ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. It is recommended that restraining ropes or lines be placed a minimum of five yards from the sidelines for purposes of crowd control.
- b. It is recommended that both team benches be on the same side of the field with spectators located on the opposite side.
- c. It is recommended that when a field clock is used, the clock shall be counted up from 0:00 to 40:00.

16. NON-VARSITY TEAMS WITH ONLY GRADE 9 STUDENTS

The above rules apply with these additional provisions:

- a. The season ends on Saturday of Week 50 (June 20).

b. Each team may also engage in one interschool practice and/or scrimmage in addition to their maximum number of games. A game involving the faculty or a school controlled group, such as a team of intramural players, does not count as one of the maximum number of permissible contests.

17. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON GRADE 8 TEAMS

- a. Rules governing junior high/middle level competition are contained in the Junior High/Middle Level Handbook.
- b. A school may not allow its students in Grades 9, 10, 11 and/or 12 to compete against another member school's students in Grade 8 and/or below.

Note: In emergency situations a waiver may be requested allowing 9th grade student(s) at member middle schools to compete at the 8th grade level at member middle schools.

- c. Rules governing Grade 9 season length apply for teams with students Grade 9 and below.

Soccer (Girls)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN FOUR DIVISIONS (1-2-3-4)

- a. The largest 64 schools sponsoring soccer are in Division 1, the next largest 64 schools sponsoring soccer are in Division 2, with the remaining schools divided equally between Divisions 3 and 4.
- b. Cooperative teams are placed into divisional competition on the basis of the combined enrollment of the schools involved.
- c. Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to July 1. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

Note: Please refer to tournament performance factor and procedures outlined in the Constitution. Article III, 3B and Appendix N.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, PAIRINGS AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 25) of WIAA SENIOR HIGH HANDBOOK.

- a. Schools are assigned to one of four sectionals in all divisions.
 - (1) Each regional and/or sectional will be seeded by the coaches in that group.

Note: Sectional #1, in all divisions, will be split into two groups, geographically, prior to seeding.
- b. Regional Matches
 - (1) Divisions 1-2 are scheduled for Tuesday, June 2 and Saturday, June 6.

Note: When a play-in match is necessary, the match will be played on Saturday, May 30 or on a mutually agreed upon date before the next match (June 2).
 - (2) Divisions 3-4 are scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, Thursday, June 4 and Saturday, June 6.

Note: When a play-in match is necessary, the match will be played on Saturday, May 30 or on a mutually agreed upon date before the next match (June 2).
- c. Sectional semifinal matches will be played on Thursday, June 11.
- d. Sectional final matches will be played on Saturday, June 13.
- e. Each grouping will be seeded by the coaches in that grouping.
 - (1) The higher seeded team will host through the sectional semifinal match provided that school has a facility, or has access to a facility on the approved site list.

Note: A school may prearrange to host at another facility, BUT that facility must still be listed on the approved site list.
 - (2) If the higher seeded team does not have access to a field on the approved site list, the opponent will be given the opportunity to host under the same criteria.
 - (3) If neither team is able to secure a field on the approved site list, the higher seeded team will host.

Note: Criteria for Approved Site List (must be updated annually) deadline Friday, September 19.

 - (a) Minimum of 65 x 110 field.
 - (b) Artificial turf football fields are acceptable.
 - (c) If agreed upon by participating schools prior to the day of the game, a shared football and soccer field can be used.
 - (d) Able to charge admission.
- f. Sectional final matches will be played on sites predetermined by the WIAA.

Note: Special consideration will be given to hosting applicants whose field dimensions are at least 110 x 75.
- g. Final approval of all sites will rest with the WIAA.
- h. State Tournament
 - (1) Winners of the four sectionals in each division participate in the State Tournament on Thursday-Friday-Saturday, June 18-19-20.
 - (2) The four Division 1 head coaches of qualifying teams along with the four Division 2 head coaches and a Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association designee will seed the Division 1 and 2 State brackets.
 - (3) The four Division 3 head coaches of qualifying teams along with the four Division 4 head coaches and a Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association designee will seed the Division 3 and 4 State brackets.
 - (4) If a team is disqualified from the State Tournament and replaced by the last defeated opponent, teams will be reseeded using the specific sport state seeding criteria if the disqualification occurs 24 hours prior to the start of the first match of the State Tournament series (regardless of division).

Anytime after the 24 hour deadline, a replacing team will be placed in the bracket where the disqualified team was originally seeded.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 18-20) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that match.

EXCEPTIONS

- a. 15. b. and c. under National Federation Allowed Adaptations do not apply.

ADDITIONS

- a. A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 24 matches.
- b. A school must participate in a minimum of four matches in the regular season to be eligible for tournament competition.

- c. Any varsity team whose players and coaches, during the regular season, collectively receive a total of 24 or more yellow cards (including all second yellow/red cards) will be prohibited from participating in the WIAA State Tournament series. This ruling may be appealed by the school involved.
This rule does not apply to yellow cards received during the tournament series.
- d. Host schools are not permitted to allow participating schools to practice on their facilities prior to the tournament.
- e. It is recommended that fields be a minimum of 65 x 110 yards. Special consideration will be given to applications to host sectional final matches where field dimensions are at least 75 x 110.
- f. The maximum number of participants for each tournament match is 25. Each participating school will be allowed a maximum of 25 players in full uniform for each tournament match.

Note: Each team will be allowed a total of 35 personnel in their team box at the State Tournament.

Noncompliance with this regulation, once competition has begun, shall be regarded as flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the head coach resulting in his/her immediate ejection (leave premises) when brought to the attention of the match officials.

Note: If no other coach or faculty member of that school is present to supervise the team, the match shall be forfeited and the team disqualified from further participation in the tournament series.

- (1) A school may change its team make-up from one tournament match to the next.
- (2) Schools are expected to provide tournament managers a list of its participants for program purposes.

g. Jersey Colors

- (1) Higher seeded team will wear dark uniforms and be designated as the home team throughout the WIAA tournament series.

Note 1: For the sectional final game, if equal seeds, the first school alpha will wear dark uniforms and be designated as home team on the scoreboard.

Note 2: If sectional final host school is not the higher seed, the host school will wear white jerseys and be recognized as the home school on the scoreboard.

- h. Both teams shall be located on the same side of the field.

i. Yellow Cards

At the start of the WIAA tournament series, a player will start with a clean slate if they have accumulated less than five yellow cards during the regular season. During the tournament series, once a player accumulates three yellow cards, they are suspended for the next match; three more yellows, suspended for two matches, etc.

If a player enters the tournament series having accumulated five or more yellow cards during the season, their yellow card count continues. Once they reach eight total cards (regular season and WIAA tournament series) they are suspended for two matches, eleven yellows - suspended for three matches, etc.

- j. If a tournament contest is suspended at any point it will be continued from the point of suspension on the next available date, unless both coaches agree to let the recorded score stand.

k. Length of Periods (7-1-1)

During the WIAA tournament series, all matches will be played in two forty (40) minute halves, two (2) full ten (10) minute overtimes (no sudden victory) and then penalty kicks if the match is still tied.

- (1) There shall be two 10-minute overtime periods. (No sudden victory).

- (a) A coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2(e) (2).

- (b) At the end of the first overtime period, teams shall change ends. There shall be a two-minute interval between periods.

- (2) If the score still remains tied, all coaches, officials and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedure as outlined below:

- (a) The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the penalty kicks shall be taken.

- (b) Each coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who may have been disqualified) to take the penalty kicks.

- (c) A coin toss shall be held. The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.

- (d) Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick.

- (e) Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.

- (f) If the score remains tied after each team has had five penalty kicks, each coach will select five different players than the first five who already have kicked to take the penalty kicks in a sudden victory situation, wherein if one team scores and the other team does not score, the match is ended without more kicks being taken.

- (g) Credit each team with a tie and include the final score of the shootout in parenthesis, e.g. 1-1 (5-4).

- (3) After 60 minutes of play, if there is a score differential of eight or more goals the match shall end.

l. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy

The Board of Control has approved a policy for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or drones at outdoor WIAA State Tournament series events. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. Drone operation requires a Remote Pilot Command license. Operators must also receive written consent from the WIAA executive office at least 24 hours in advance, as well as approval of the host facility event management. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 51 of the Senior High Handbook. Contact the WIAA office with all requests to operate drones at WIAA Tournament events.

- m. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

SEEDING PROCEDURES

a. Before the Seeding Meeting

- (1) Seeding meetings must be conducted prior to 10 p.m. Sunday, May 24.

- (2) All seeding meetings will be face to face or virtual. If meeting is face to face, a virtual option must be provided if necessary.

- (3) The sectional final host will be the seeding meeting host ONLY if no one within the grouping volunteers to host the seeding meeting.
- (4) Each coach shall provide their Season Summary to every other school in their regional grouping and to the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting by the date designated by the seeding meeting host. The WIAA Season Summary form must be used.

(5) Seeding meeting host will be paid \$70 by the WIAA.

b. At the Seeding Meeting

- (1) Coaches are required to participate in seeding meetings.
- (2) Each school will designate one person to speak on behalf of their school.
- (3) If a school is not represented at the seeding meeting, their school may still be seeded, if appropriate. If the school is not deserving of a seed, they may be ranked/positioned last.
- (4) Each coach will update his/her Season Summary to include any matches played after form was submitted.
- (5) All groupings will meet together and seed as a complete group. The grouping will not be split into top eight in one room and remaining schools in a different room.
- (6) Prior to the start of the meeting, have the coaches draw to determine the order of presentations. Each coach should be allowed three minutes to discuss their season.
- (7) Coaches should consider these factors when determining their seeds (factors are not listed in any order of preference):
 - (a) Coaches comments.
 - (b) Head-to-head competition against teams in their regional grouping.
 - (c) Comparative scores against like opponents.
 - (d) Conference standings.
 - (e) Relative strength of schedule.
 - (f) Overall win-loss record.
 - (g) Other special factors (e.g., injury of a key player, etc.).
- (8) Once everyone has had the opportunity to speak, coaches should complete their Ranking Sheet. Coaches are not allowed to rank their own team.
- (9) After all Ranking Sheets are turned in, the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner (e.g., chalkboard, chart, overhead, etc.).
- (10) The rankings shall be tallied and the team with the lowest number will be the #1 seed, the team with the second lowest number shall be the #2 seed, etc., until all seeds are determined.

c. Breaking Ties

If a tie results during seeding, move to the tie-breaking procedure below:

- (1) The coaches involved in the tie shall have one minute to state his/her claims to the higher seeded position.
- (2) All coaches not involved in the tie will have one vote to determine which team gets the higher seeded position. The Seeding Meeting host will ask coaches to vote for the team that should receive the higher seeded position. No coach is allowed to abstain from voting.
- (3) After all ballots are turned in the Seeding Meeting host will record the ballots in a visible manner.
- (4) The team with the most votes receives the higher seeded position.
- (5) If the vote results in a tie, repeat this procedure.
- (6) If after two attempts, the tied vote remains, a coin flip will determine the higher seeded team.

d. Appeal Procedure

If a team feels it should have received a higher seeded position, once the votes have been tabulated, it may appeal its position relative to that of any other team. The following procedures shall be used:

- (1) Appeals may NOT be made for a lower seed. Always start from the bottom and work toward the top seed when working through the appeal process.
- (2) The coach making the appeal shall have one minute to state his/her claims to the higher seeded position. The coach of the team being challenged will then have one minute to state his/her claim to that position.
- (3) All coaches NOT involved in the appeal will have one vote to determine which team gets the higher seeded position. No coach is allowed to abstain from voting.
- (4) A request/appeal for a higher seed and a subsequent concede must go to a vote (it is not an automatic change).
- (5) After all ballots are turned in, the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner.
- (6) The team with the most votes receives the higher seeded position.
- (7) A team may make any number of appeals, but an appeal between the same teams cannot be repeated. Teams may only appeal one seed higher at a time.

Example: School is seeded 6 and feels they should be the 4 seed. First, they must appeal for the 5 seed. If successful in obtaining the 5 seed, they could then appeal for the 4 seed.

- (8) If when voting on an appeal a tie vote occurs, the original placement shall stand.
- (9) If this is an attempt to break a tie from the original placement of teams, continue to hash it out until the vote determines the placement of teams. Use a coin flip only when it appears there is no way to break the tie.
- (10) A team cannot appeal a tie-breaking vote.
- (11) All disagreements regarding seeding must be settled at this meeting. Once the meeting is over, the seeds are final. The WIAA will not change the results of your seeding meeting or hear appeals.

e. During regional and sectional play, if a disqualifying violation is confirmed after brackets have been seeded, the opponent of the disqualified team shall advance regardless of their bracket position and no other adjustments shall be made within the bracket.

4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) Weekday contest times will be 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. Matches may start earlier than 4 p.m. only with WIAA approval.
- (2) Weekend contest times will be 1 p.m., 4 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Note: The host school manager will determine the start time and are instructed to keep in mind travel for competing schools and daylight. Requests for alternative times will be handled by the WIAA on a case by case basis.

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract three officials for all regional matches.
 - (a) **Opt outs of forfeits after WIAA has contracted officials may require school to pay for official fees.**
- (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule:
Referee - **\$90** Assistant Referees (2) - **\$80**
- (3) Officials will be paid 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
- (4) Officials shall travel together when geographically feasible with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.

c. Awards

- (1) Plaque to championship team.

d. Finances

- (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting an event.
 - (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts only if admission is charged for the event. If no admission is charged, the host school is responsible for these expenses.
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) Host School - **\$255** per match, including manager fee - **\$90** per match.
 - (c) If a balance remains after payments are made as listed above, the WIAA and the host school will share equally (50-50) in this amount.
 - (d) If tournament receipts do not cover items listed in (b) above, the WIAA will subsidize the difference.
- (2) Allowance to Participating Schools
 - (a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
- (3) Ticket Prices - Child/Student/Adult - \$6
Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children under 6 years of age.
- (4) Admission Policies
 - (a) Free admissions will be provided for (29 total):
 - Twenty-five members of the team.
 - Two support staff (managers, trainers, etc.).
 - Head coach and one assistant coach.
 - (b) Maximum of six cheerleaders.
 - (c) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of eight individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

5. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) Weekday contest times will be 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. Matches may start earlier than 4 p.m. only with WIAA approval.
- (2) Weekend contest times will be 1 p.m., 4 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Note: The host school manager will determine the start time and are instructed to keep in mind travel for competing schools and daylight. Requests for alternative times will be handled by the WIAA on a case by case basis.

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract three officials for all sectional matches.
- (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule:
Referee - **\$100** Assistant Referees (2) - **\$90**
- (3) Officials will be paid 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
- (4) Officials shall travel together when geographically feasible with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.

c. Official Ball: Select Royale.

- (1) Six balls will be provided to every sectional final site.

d. Awards

- (1) Plaque to championship team.
- (2) Medals to members (25) of championship and runner-up teams.

e. Finances

- (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting an event.

- (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts only if admission is charged for the event. If no admission is charged, the host school is responsible for these expenses.
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) Host School - **\$255** per match, including manager fee - **\$90** per match.
- (c) If a balance remains after payments are made as listed above, the WIAA and the host school will share equally (50-50) in this amount.
- (d) If tournament receipts do not cover items listed in (b) previous page, the WIAA will subsidize the difference.
- (2) Allowance to Participating Schools
 - (a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
- (3) Ticket Prices - Child/Student/Adult - \$7
Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children under 6 years of age.
- (4) Admission Policies
 - (a) Free admissions will be provided for (29 total):
 - 25 members of the team.
 - Two support staff (managers, trainers, etc.).
 - Head coach and one assistant coach.
 - (b) Maximum of six cheerleaders.
 - (c) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of 8 individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

6. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) Contests will be played in the order indicated below.
- (2) This is the schedule for the State Tournament: All matches will be played at Southeast Sales Powersports Stadium at Uihlein Soccer Park in Milwaukee.

Thursday, June 18	Division 2 Semifinals
11 a.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
1:30 p.m.	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
	Division 1 Semifinals
4:30 p.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
7 p.m.	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
Friday, June 19	Division 4 Semifinals
11 a.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
1:30 p.m.	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
	Division 3 Semifinals
4:30 p.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
7 p.m.	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
Saturday, June 20	Championships
11 a.m.	Division 2 Championship
1:30 p.m.	Division 1 Championship
4:30 p.m.	Division 4 Championship
7 p.m.	Division 3 Championship

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract officials to work the State Tournament.
- (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule:
Referee - **\$140** Assistant Referees (2) - **\$100**
- (3) Officials will be paid 55¢ per mile (round trip for travel).
- (4) Officials shall travel together with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.
- (5) Officials will receive reimbursement for necessary food and lodging expenses.

c. Official State Tournament Ball: Select Royale.

d. Awards

- (1) Trophy to championship and runner-up teams.
- (2) Medals to members (25) of championship and runner-up teams.

e. Finances

(1) Participating Schools Allowance

Schools will receive an allowance for lodging that is necessary for when they are competing only. Once a school is eliminated from the tournament, the expenses incurred will become the responsibility of the school. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

- (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city (each day if necessary) at the rate of **\$2** per mile. No allowance will be paid to schools located in the State Tournament city.

(b) Meals at the daily rate of \$10 for breakfast, \$10 for lunch and \$12 for dinner for each player in uniform, plus two other persons.

Note: The amount of meal allowance received is contingent upon departure time to State Tournament site and arrival time from State Tournament site, but the minimum meal allowance will be \$10 each day.

(c) Lodging at the rate of \$35 per night for each player in uniform, plus two other persons. Schools less than 50 miles from Milwaukee will not be reimbursed for lodging.

(2) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket

Single Session.....\$11*

*On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.

(3) Admission Policies

(a) Free admissions will be provided for:

- 25 members of the team.

- 10 additional individuals (coaches, managers, athletic trainers, etc.).

(b) For WIAA team championships, where space is available, two complimentary ticket will be provided to the athletic director and principal of participating schools for their personal use. These tickets are not transferable and will be provided upon request.

(c) There is no provision for free admissions for bands or cheerleaders.

Softball (Girls)

SEASON REGULATIONS

(Rules in this section are specific for sport involved. Refer to Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Eligibility for regulations related to age, residence, scholarship, amateur status, etc.)

ALERT: State Law (175.22) prohibits use of cell phones (and other image-recording devices) in locker rooms except in emergency situations.

1. PRESEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON

- a. Organizational meetings may be conducted outside the season provided no instruction or practice is included and the meeting(s) has been approved by school administration.
- b. So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students, there shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31** for all WIAA sports sponsored by the school. Sanctioned school contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
- c. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual school season of a sport. Subsequently, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school and/or school coach involvement. 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 in all WIAA sports sponsored by the school, without restriction **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**. Note: Whether an opportunity is school sponsored or not, coach contact may not exceed Board of Control approved contact days.
- d. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as sanctioned school coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with the 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 contact is as follows:
 - (a) Sanctioned School Coaching Contact - Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded sanctioned school coaching contact **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section.
 - 1) There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no sanctioned school coaching contact prior to (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport. This does not affect nonschool programming.
 - 2) Football must follow the WIAA Fall Acclimatization policy.
 - (b) Nonschool Programming – Coaches in all sports except football have been afforded nonschool program contact beyond the sanctioned school contact days that is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session from the last day of school to the start of school) in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2 – A and C-1) of Rules of Eligibility, Article VI - Nonschool Participation.

Note: Coaches or others may not mandate participation or provide any incentives to athletes for participating in summertime/out-of-season activities/programs. Participation may not be a requirement for making a school team or earning a letter award, etc.

2. LENGTH OF SEASON

The earliest day practice may begin is Monday of Week 37 (March 16). The season ends with the State Tournament concluding on Saturday of Week 49 (June 13).

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- a. There must be practices on a minimum of seven different days before the first game may be played.
- b. The first five days of practice may not involve a team from outside the school.
- c. The minimum days of practice prior to the first competition is a team requirement. While it is desirable for each participant to satisfy this requirement, schools will determine when students may begin competition.
- d. Teams must rest from all physical activity for at least one calendar day after six consecutive days of practice or competition. In the event extreme weather forces a WIAA tournament contest to be cancelled, school administration may request relief.

4. SCRIMMAGES

- a. One scrimmage, over one day, with another school or schools may be conducted in addition to the maximum allowed games, meets, or contests, provided all athletes participating meet all WIAA and school eligibility requirements (exceptions: students ineligible due to academic deficiency, code of conduct violations, or those required to miss the next competitive event, due to being ejected from their last competitive event, may participate at the discretion of the school), and:
 - (1) Five different days of practice have elapsed.
 - (2) There is no loss of academic class time.
 - (3) There is no score in a book, or on a scoreboard.
 - (4) A format other than three outs per inning is used.
- b. Any interschool scrimmage other than the one in 4.a. counts toward the maximum allowed games.
- c. Each high school team, i.e., varsity, JV, freshman is allowed one scrimmage.
- d. An individual student is allowed to participate in only one day of scrimmage activity. Note: An individual student may participate in multiple levels of scrimmages conducted on the same day.

Note: If either school counts a scrimmage as a game, it must be counted as a game for both programs, schools or teams.

5. DATE OF FIRST GAME

The first game may not be played before Tuesday, March 24.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED GAMES

- a. The maximum number of games is 26. Schedules of all teams should be clearly published and separated by level for each team sponsored by a school.
- b. Conference tournaments must be included in count of regular season maximums.
- c. No game may be scheduled (but a game may be rescheduled if postponed) after either of the schools involved has begun WIAA tournament series competition.
- d. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed games.
- e. Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- a. A student may not participate in more than 26 games, but playing in one inning of a varsity game or three innings of a sub-varsity game does not count toward the maximum number of games.
- b. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed games.
- c. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- a. A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game or meet) at the same level of competition as the disqualification. Ejections for violations of Rule 3-6-13 and Rule 1-6-2 (removal of helmet) do not require the player to miss the next contest, unless the umpire deems the act to be flagrant or unsportsmanlike.
- b. Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game. During the regular season, schools should establish their own policy as to whether athletes are allowed to be in uniform and participate in pregame and postgame activity, if they are ineligible to compete due to flagrant and/or unsportsmanlike conduct, athletic and/or academic code violations, or for any other reason.
- c. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.

9. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT GAME SITE

Schools are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and State Tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

10. CONTEST CONTROL

- a. All schools are responsible before, during, and after a contest for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students, and other spectators and, when requested, a school must complete a report regarding the contest in which a problem occurred (WIAA Bylaws, Article X).
- b. Schools are expected to prohibit and/or eliminate pranks and/or mischief or any other activity involving destruction, theft, etc., of athletic facilities, equipment and material.
- c. Schools are required to conduct a pre-contest meeting (Pre-event Emergency Action Plan Meeting) that shall include event management, the head official and medical personnel present at the event, to discuss the Emergency Action Plan.

11. LICENSED OFFICIALS

Two WIAA licensed officials (umpires) are required for all interscholastic competition.

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

For all meets and practices, emergency procedures should be in place as per DPI and Wisconsin Statute 121.02 (1) (g) Emergency Nursing Service.

These should include, but are not limited to, such things as:

- a. A physician available by phone or on location.
- b. Phone location and phone numbers available for contacting physician and/or ambulance service.
- c. A designated physician or licensed athletic trainer will determine whether an injured athlete may continue whether or not consciousness is involved. They may consult with another physician if they desire, but their decision will be final. Coaches cannot keep medical personnel from examining athletes that are or may be injured.

13. CONCUSSION AND/OR UNCONSCIOUS PARTICIPANT

No athlete shall return to play or practice on the same day of being diagnosed with a concussion. Any athlete suspected of having a concussion must be evaluated by an appropriate health-care professional that day. Any athlete with a concussion must be medically cleared by an appropriate health-care professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition. Return to play must follow a step-wise protocol which includes provisions for delaying return to play based upon the return of any signs or symptoms. Any athlete deemed unconscious must have medical evaluation and clearance before being allowed to return to participation.

14. OXYGEN AND FLUIDS PROVIDED INTRAVENOUSLY

- a. Oxygen administered by mechanical means for recuperative purposes is not permitted.
- b. Fluids provided intravenously is an invasive procedure to be used only in emergency situations. An athlete may not return to competition the same day.

Note: See WIAA Medical Policies and Procedures for additional medical information.

15. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

The official rules for all interscholastic competition are contained in the (a) current edition of SOFTBALL RULES and (b) related publications and interpretations of the National Federation with the following provisions:

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- a. A double first base must be used for all games at all levels of competition (Rule 1-2-1 Note).
- b. A regular-season game called for any reason where a winner cannot be determined will be treated as a suspended game. If the game is to be completed, it will be continued from the point of suspension and a suspended game will be completed unless both schools agree NOT to do so (Rule 4-2-3). If the score is tied and both schools agree not to complete the game, it should be counted as one-half win and one-half loss for each team (Rule 4-2-5).
- c. If a regular season game is called prior to the completion of any full inning, NFHS Rule 4-2-2 will be applied.
- d. A regular-season game will end when after five innings a team is ten or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat (Rule 4-2-3).
Note: The ten run rule must be used in all tournament games.
- e. By conference agreement or mutual agreement by both head coaches prior to the start of the game, a game may end after three innings if a team is 15 or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat (Rule 4-2-3). Note: The 15 run rule must be used in all WIAA tournament games except the State Tournament games.
- f. A minimum of 1 1/2 hour time limit may be placed on games. No new inning may be started once the time limit has elapsed, regardless of the number of innings played, unless tied in tournament play (Rule 4-2-3). This is a conference or host school decision not umpire's prerogative.
- g. The number of innings for one or both games in a doubleheader may be scheduled for five (5) innings. Current game ending procedures still apply. (Rule 4-2-3 Note 2)
- h. The International Tie-breaker
 - (1) Regular Season – The International Tie-breaker may be used, with prior agreement/announcement, for all regular season games (mutual agreement by both teams) and regular season tournaments (host decision). Conferences may determine use of the tie-breaker and should have this stated in their by-laws.
 - (2) Tournament Series – The use of the International Tie-breaker is not allowed in the WIAA tournament series.
- i. If a WIAA regional or sectional tournament game is called prior to the completion of any full inning, after the fifth inning, the game becomes a suspended game if the visiting team has scored one or more runs to tie the score or take the lead and the home team has not retaken the lead (Rule 4-2-3).
- j. If a WIAA State Tournament game is called prior to its completion (7 innings), the game becomes a suspended game and every reasonable effort will be made to complete the game. If the game cannot be completed for any reason (e.g. no facility), NFHS Rule 4-2 and Wisconsin Adaptations will govern.
- k. Electronic devices may be used within the dugout for coaching purposes during the course of the game. (Rule 3-6-11)
A coach may use an electronic device for one-way communication to the catcher while the team is on defense. Coaches may not use electronic communication device(s) to communicate with any other team member while on defense or any team member while on offense. When using the electronic communication device, the coach cannot be outside the dugout/bench area. (Rule 1-8-6)

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. Nonvarsity teams shall be allowed to wear old varsity uniforms which are now unapproved provided participant safety is not jeopardized.
- b. Both head coaches and the umpires are responsible for being in possession of a current non-approved bat list from the ASA website.
- c. Pre-game warm-up shall consist of 35 minutes.
35 minutes prior to the start of the game the home team will take the field. The field is defined as the entire enclosed field (live ball area).
20 minutes prior to the start of the game the visiting team will take the field.
5 minutes prior to the start of the game the pre-game meeting will be held and the field will be prepped for play. Required for regular season and WIAA tournament games.
- d. All varsity softball games must be held on fields with outfield fences at 185-235' (as per NFHS Rule 1-1-3a1). In the event the home team does not have a fence at that distance they may move the game to another field with a legal fence. If they are unable to secure a field the visiting team may host if their field is legal or they may secure a legal field. If neither team has a legal field the game will be played at the home team's field. Schools hosting regular season tournaments on multiple fields, regulation fence distances are recommended but not required.
- e. All batting helmets are required to be school colors or neutral (white, black, grey) colors. Only school logos, reward or commemorative stickers are allowed beyond the NFHS requirement (Rule 1-6-1 and 1-7-1).
- f. Coaches must report to their school administration within 48 hours following a contest any player or coach ejection. School administrators must then report the ejection to the WIAA via written communication within three (3) school days following the contest. This written communication must also include a plan of action to prevent future ejections. Officials will continue to provide electronic reports to the WIAA.

16. NON-VARSITY TEAMS WITH ONLY GRADE 9 STUDENTS

The above rules apply with these adaptations:

- a. The season ends on the Saturday of Week 49.
- b. A game involving the faculty or a school controlled group, such as a team of intramural players, does not count as one of the maximum number of permissible able contests.**

17. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON GRADE 8 TEAMS

- a. Rules governing junior high/middle level competition are contained in the Junior High/Middle Level Handbook.
- b. A school may not allow its students in Grades 9, 10, 11 and/or 12 to compete against another member school's students in Grade 8 and/or below.
Note: In emergency situations a waiver may be requested allowing 9th grade student(s) at member middle schools to compete at the 8th grade level at member middle schools.
- c. Rules governing Grade 9 season length apply for teams with students Grade 9 and below.

Softball (Girls)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN FIVE DIVISIONS (1-2-3-4-5).

- Division 1 - The largest 112 member schools sponsoring softball.
- The remaining schools will be divided equally between Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5. **(If uneven, Division 2 will have one extra school followed by Division 3, etc.)**
- Cooperative teams are placed into divisional competition on the basis of the combined enrollment of the schools involved.
- Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to July 1. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

Note: Please refer to tournament performance factor and procedures outlined in the Constitution. Article III, 3B and Appendix N.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, PAIRINGS AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 25) of WIAA Senior High Handbook.

- Schools are assigned to:
 - Division 1 – Schools will be assigned to one of eight sectional groups with competition on May 26 and 28.
 - Divisions 2-3-4-5 – Schools will be assigned to one of 16 regional groups with games on (Thursday/Tuesday/Thursday), May 21, 26 and 28.
- Each grouping will be seeded by the coaches in that group.
- Sectionals
 - Winners of regionals participate in one of eight Division 1 or one of four each Divisions 2, 3, 4 or 5 sectionals on Tuesday, June 2 and Thursday, June 4.
- State
 - The State Tournament involving sectional champions will be played on Wednesday-Thursday-Friday-Saturday, June 10-11-12-13, at the Goodman Diamond at UW-Madison. An alternate site may be used when inclement weather is a factor.
 - The head coaches of qualifying teams in each division will determine the seeds using the Seed Meeting guidelines outlined in the Tournament Procedures. WIAA staff will conduct these meetings.
- Final assignments of teams to tournaments and host schools for those tournaments will be posted on the WIAA website.

3. SEEDING PROCEDURES

a. BEFORE THE SEEDING MEETING

- Seeding meetings must be held between May 13-17 for Divisions 2-3-4-5. Division 1 seeding meetings must be held between May 17-20.
- Seed meeting hosts should contact all schools in their grouping to determine if the majority of schools wish to conduct a traditional meeting (in-person) or use a method determined by the host (teleconference, email, fax, distance learning).
- Each coach must **share** the scores of their teams games **using the online season summary form**, to every other school in their tournament group and the individual conducting the seed meeting following the timetable provided by your seed meeting host.

(4) Seeding meeting host will be paid \$70 by WIAA.

b. At the Seeding Meeting

- Coaches are required to participate in seeding meetings.
- Each school will designate one person to speak on behalf of their school.
- If a school is not represented at the seeding meeting, their school may still be seeded, if appropriate. If the school is not deserving of a seed, they may be ranked/positioned last. Schools wanting to use a telephone or teleconference hookup will be accommodated if possible. Any expense must, however, be paid by requesting school.
- Each coach will update his/her Season Summary to include any games played on Friday.
- Prior to the start of the meeting, the host will have the coaches draw to determine the order of presentations. Each coach should be allowed three minutes to discuss their season.
- Coaches should consider these factors when determining their seeds (list is in no particular order):
 - Coaches comments.
 - Head-to-head competition against teams in their grouping.
 - Comparative scores against like opponents.
 - Conference standings.
 - Relative strength of schedule.
 - Overall win-loss record.
 - Other special factors (e.g., injury of a key player, etc.).
- Once everyone has had the opportunity to speak, coaches should complete their Ranking Sheet. Coaches are not allowed to rank their own team.
- After all Ranking Sheets are turned in, the individual conducting the seeding meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner (e.g., chalkboard, chart, overhead, etc.).
- The rankings shall be tallied and the team with the lowest number will be the #1 seed, the team with the second lowest number shall be the #2 seed etc., until all seeds are determined.

c. Breaking Ties

If a tie results during seeding, move to the tie-breaking procedure below:

- (1) The coaches involved in the tie shall have one minute to state his/her claims to the higher seeded position.
- (2) All coaches not involved in the tie will have one vote to determine which team gets the higher seeded position. The seeding meeting host will ask coaches to vote for the team that should receive the higher seeded position. No coach is allowed to abstain from voting.
- (3) After all ballots are turned in the seeding meeting host will record the ballots in a visible manner.
- (4) The team with the most votes receives the higher seeded position.
- (5) If the vote results in a tie, repeat this procedure.
- (6) If after two attempts, the tied vote remains, a coin flip will determine the higher seeded team.

d. Appeal Procedure

If a team feels it should have received a higher seeded position, once the votes have been tabulated, it may appeal its position relative to that of any other team. The following procedures shall be used:

- (1) Appeals may NOT be made for a lower seed. Always start from the bottom and work toward the top seed when working through the appeal process.
- (2) The coach making the appeal shall have one minute to state his/her claims to the higher seeded position. The coach of the team being challenged will then have one minute to state his/her claim to that position.
- (3) All coaches NOT involved in the appeal will have one vote to determine which team gets the higher seeded position. No coach is allowed to abstain from voting.
- (4) After all ballots are turned in, the individual conducting the seeding meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner.
- (5) The team with the most votes receives the higher seeded position.
- (6) A team may make any number of appeals, but an appeal between the same teams cannot be repeated. Teams may only appeal one seed higher at a time.
Example: School is seeded 6 and feels they should be the 4 seed. First, they must appeal for the 5 seed. If successful in obtaining the 5 seed, they could then appeal for the 4 seed.
- (7) If when voting on an appeal a tie vote occurs, the original placement shall stand.
- (8) If this is an attempt to break a tie from the original placement of teams, continue to hash it out until the vote determines the placement of teams. Use a coin flip only when it appears there is no way to break the tie.
- (9) A team cannot appeal a tie-breaking vote.
- (10) All disagreements regarding seeding must be settled at this meeting. Once the meeting is over, the seeds are final. The WIAA will not change the results of your seeding meeting or hear appeals.

- e. If a disqualifying violation is confirmed after brackets have been seeded, the opponent of the disqualified team shall advance regardless of their bracket position and no other adjustments shall be made within the bracket.

HOSTING TOURNAMENT

- a. The highest seeded team in all divisions will host through the sectional semifinal game. If the highest seeded team's primary field is unavailable or unplayable they may use their regulation secondary field. If that field is not available or not playable and the lower seeded team's field is playable they will host. If the lower seed's field is also unplayable an alternate site can be used if agreeable to both teams. Games should not be postponed if a playable field is available. Games may not be played on baseball diamonds.
- b. The right for a higher seed to host any regional or sectional semifinal game will be determined by the outfield fence being at 185 to 235 feet (as per NFHS 1-1-3a). If the higher seed does not have a field meeting the requirement, the lower seed will host. If neither team has a field that complies, the higher seed will host the game.
- c. Sectional sites will be awarded, when possible, on the basis of the following criteria (in order of priority).
 - (1) No baseball diamonds.
 - (2) Skinned infields or artificial turf.
 - (3) Outfield fence (185-235').
 - (4) Other (dugouts, restrooms, seating, parking, lights, scoreboard, irrigated fields).

4. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 36-37) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

EXCEPTIONS

- a. The highest seeded team in all regional and sectional semifinal games as well as the sectional final games in Division 1 will be designated as the HOME team and have choice of dugout.
- b. A coin flip determines the home team for sectional final tournament games (in Divisions 2-5). The coin flip should be conducted by the site coordinator or umpires at least 45 minutes prior to the start of the game. The first team alpha will have the third base dugout.
- c. Required Pregame Warm-up (all divisions) – 35 minutes prior to the start of the game the home team will take the field. The field is defined as the entire enclosed field (live ball area). 20 minutes prior to the start of the game the visiting team will take the field.
- d. **All regular season and tournament games** will end when after five innings a team is ten or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.
- e. Except for the State Tournament games (quarterfinal, semifinal and championship games), a game will end when after three innings a team is fifteen or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

- f. The maximum number of participants for each tournament game is 18. Each participating school will be allowed a maximum of 18 players in uniform for each tournament game. Rosters may change from one game to the next.

Noncompliance with this regulation, once competition has begun, shall be regarded as flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the head coach resulting in his/her immediate ejection (leave premises) when brought to the attention of the game umpires.

Note: If no other coach or faculty member of that school is present to supervise the team, the game shall be forfeited and the team disqualified from further participation in the tournament.

ADDITIONS

- a. In regional and sectional tournament play, participating teams may each provide and use the softball of their choice as long as it meets NFHS rules specifications and is optic yellow, with red stitches. If a ball other than that provided by the tournament host is desired, it shall be each team's responsibility to provide their own.
- b. A school must participate in a minimum of four games during the regular season, and a school may not compete in the tournament program if it has played more than 26 games.
- c. Host schools are not permitted to allow participating schools to practice on their facilities prior to their tournament.
- d. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy

The Board of Control has approved a policy for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or drones at outdoor WIAA State Tournament Series events. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. Drone operation requires a Remote Pilot Command license. Operators must also receive written consent from the WIAA executive office at least 24 hours in advance, as well as approval of the host facility event management. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook. Contact the WIAA office with all requests to operate drones at WIAA Tournament events.

- e. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

5. REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) The host school determines the schedule at each tournament level within the dates specified under Section 2.

Note 1: A presectional contest may be moved ahead if all schools involved in such a game (or games) agree to an earlier date. Games may not be moved to a later date except when rained out.

Note 2: If the date of the regional game is changed due to graduation and the contracted umpires are not available due to the change, they must be paid their game fee according to the contract. It is the responsibility of the schools to find new officials and pay the additional fees. WIAA will reimburse for the two officials working the game, and the schools must absorb the cost of the contracted officials.

- b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract two officials for each tournament site. All officials licensed with the WIAA are eligible to be contracted in the tournament program, with preference given to officials having a classification of L5 and Master.

(a) Opt outs of forfeits after WIAA has contracted officials may require school to pay for official fees.

- (2) Officials will be paid:

(a) Officiating Fee - **\$90** per game.

(b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.

(c) Officials shall travel together when geographically feasible with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.

- c. Awards

- (1) Plaque to championship team.

- d. Finances

- (1) Host School Allowances

(a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting an event.

(b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts.

1) Fees and expenses of officials.

2) Host School - **\$85** per game and manager fee - **\$75** per game.

(c) If a balance remains after payments are made as listed above, the WIAA and the host school will share equally (55-45) in this amount.

(d) If tournament receipts do not cover items listed in (b) above, the WIAA will subsidize the difference.

- (2) Allowance to Participating Schools

None.

- (3) Ticket Prices – Child/Student/Adult – \$6

(a) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children under 6 years of age.

- (4) Admission Policies

Free admissions shall be provided only for:

(a) Eighteen (18) uniformed players on the roster.

(b) Five (5) additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.).

(c) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of 8 individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

6. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

- a. Scheduling of Competition
 - (1) The host school determines the schedule at each tournament level within the dates specified under Section 2.
- b. Officials
 - (1) Three umpires will be selected by the WIAA to work the sectional semifinals and championship game, with preference given to officials having a classification of L5 or Master.
 - (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - **\$100** per game.
 - (b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (c) Officials shall travel together when geographically feasible with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.
- c. Awards
 - (1) Plaque to championship team.
 - (2) Medals to members (18) of championship and runner-up teams.
- d. Finances
 - (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting an event.
 - (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts.
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) Host School - **\$96** per game and manager fee - **\$85** per game.
 - (c) If a balance remains after payments are made as listed above, the WIAA and the host school will share equally (55-45) in this amount.
 - (d) If tournament receipts do not cover items listed in (b) above, the WIAA will subsidize the difference.
 - (2) Allowance to Participating Schools
None.
 - (3) Ticket Prices – Child/Student/Adult – \$7
 - (a) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children under 6 years of age.
 - (4) Admission Policies
Free admissions shall be provided only for:
 - (a) Eighteen (18) uniformed players on the roster.
 - (b) Five (5) additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.).
 - (c) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of 8 individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

7. STATE TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition – The higher seed team will be the home team on the scoreboard and for batting order.
This is the schedule of games for the State Tournament:

Wednesday, June 10

- Session 1 – 11 a.m. – Division 1 Quarterfinal
 - #2 Seed vs. #7 Seed
 - approx. 1:30 p.m. – Division 1 Quarterfinal
 - #3 Seed vs. #6 Seed
- Session 2 – 4 p.m. – Division 1 Quarterfinal
 - #1 Seed vs. #8 Seed
 - approx. 6:30 p.m. – Division 1 Quarterfinal
 - #4 Seed vs. #5 Seed

Thursday, June 11

- Session 3 – 9 a.m. – Division 5 Semifinal
 - #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
 - approx. 11:30 a.m. – Division 5 Semifinal
 - #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
- Session 4 – 2 p.m. – Division 4 Semifinal
 - #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
 - approx. 4:30 p.m. – Division 4 Semifinal
 - #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
 - approx. 7 p.m. – Division 1 Semifinal
 - Upper Bracket Winners

Friday, June 12

- Session 5 – 9 a.m. – Division 1 Semifinal
 - Lower Bracket Winners
 - approx. 11:30 a.m. – Division 3 Semifinal
 - #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
 - approx. 2 p.m. – Division 3 Semifinal
 - #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
- Session 6 – 4:30 p.m. – Division 2 Semifinal
 - #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
 - approx. 7 p.m. – Division 2 Semifinal
 - #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Saturday, June 13

- Session 7 – 8 a.m. – Division 5 Championship
- Session 8 – approx. 10:30 a.m. – Division 4 Championship
- Session 9 – approx. 1 p.m. – Division 3 Championship
- Session 10 – 4 p.m. – Division 2 Championship
- Session 11 – approx. 6:30 p.m. – Division 1 Championship

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract the State Tournament umpires.
- (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - **\$110** per game.
 - (b) Expenses - \$25 per day and 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (c) Necessary meals and lodging.
 - (d) Officials shall travel together with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.

c. Official State Tournament Ball: Dudley, SB 12L RF Y FP (optic yellow with red stitches) (Style #4H311Y).

d. Awards

- (1) Trophy to championship and runner-up teams.
- (2) Medals to members (18) of championship and runner-up teams.

e. Finances

(1) Participating Schools Allowance.

Schools will receive an allowance for lodging that is necessary for when they are competing only. Once a school is eliminated from the tournament, the expenses incurred will become the responsibility of the school. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

- (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city (each day if necessary) at the rate of **\$2** per mile. No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament city.
- (b) Meals at the daily rate of **\$10** for breakfast, **\$10** for lunch, and **\$12** for dinner for each player in uniform, plus two other persons.
 Note: The amount of meal allowance received each day is contingent upon departure time to State Tournament site and arrival time from State Tournament site, but the minimum meal allowance on any day of competition will be **\$10**.
- (c) Lodging at the rate of **\$35** per night for each player in uniform, plus two other persons. Schools less than 50 miles from Madison will not be reimbursed for lodging.
 Note (a): The WIAA has reserved motels/hotels in the Madison area for the State qualifying teams.
 (b): Motels/hotels assignments for the State qualifying teams will be included in the State qualifier's box given to the sectional champion.
- (d) In order to assure teams will have a place to stay at the State Tournament, the WIAA enters into agreements with area hotels to serve as tournament hotels. If a team opts not to stay at assigned hotel, the school will not receive lodging reimbursement from the WIAA.

(2) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket.

Day 1

Single Session.....	\$11*
All Day Pass (in and out privileges).....	\$25*
Each Championship Game	\$9*

*On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.

(3) Admission Policies

Free admissions will be provided only for:

- (a) Eighteen (18) uniformed players on the roster.
- (b) **Five (5)** additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.).
- (c) One (1) if an athletic trainer/physician accompanies team.

8. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)

Tennis (Boys)

SEASON REGULATIONS

(Rules in this section are specific for sport involved. Refer to Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Eligibility for regulations related to age, residence, scholarship, amateur status, etc.)

ALERT: State Law (175.22) prohibits use of cell phones (and other image-recording devices) in locker rooms except in emergency situations.

1. PRESEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON

- a. Organizational meetings may be conducted outside the season provided no instruction or practice is included and the meeting(s) has been approved by school administration.
- b. So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students, there shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31** for all WIAA sports sponsored by the school. Sanctioned school contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
- c. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual school season of a sport. Subsequently, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school and/or school coach involvement. 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 in all WIAA sports sponsored by the school, without restriction **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**. Note: Whether an opportunity is school sponsored or not, coach contact may not exceed Board of Control approved contact days.
- d. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as sanctioned school coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with the 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 contact is as follows:
 - (a) Sanctioned School Coaching Contact - Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded sanctioned school coaching contact **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section.
 - 1) There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no sanctioned school coaching contact prior to (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport. This does not affect nonschool programming.
 - 2) Football must follow the WIAA Fall Acclimatization policy.
 - (b) Nonschool Programming – Coaches in all sports except football have been afforded nonschool program contact beyond the sanctioned school contact days that is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session from the last day of school to the start of school) in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2 – A and C-1) of Rules of Eligibility, Article VI - Nonschool Participation.

Note: Coaches or others may not mandate participation or provide any incentives to athletes for participating in summertime/out-of-season activities/programs. Participation may not be a requirement for making a school team or earning a letter award, etc.

2. LENGTH OF SEASON

The earliest day practice may begin is Monday of Week 39 (March 30). The season ends with the State Tournament concluding on Saturday of Week 49 (June 13).

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- a. There must be practices on a minimum of four different days before the first competition may be conducted.
- b. The minimum days of practice may not involve a team from outside the school.
- c. The minimum days of practice prior to the first competition is a team requirement. While it is desirable for each participant to satisfy this requirement, schools will determine when students may begin competition.
- d. Teams must rest from all physical activity for at least one calendar day after six consecutive days of practice or competition. In the event extreme weather forces a WIAA tournament contest to be cancelled, school administration may request relief.

4. SCRIMMAGES

- a. One scrimmage, over one day, with another school or schools may be conducted in addition to the maximum allowed games, meets, or contests, provided all athletes participating meet all WIAA and school eligibility requirements (exceptions: students ineligible due to academic deficiency, code of conduct violations, or those required to miss the next competitive event, due to being ejected from their last competitive event, may participate at the discretion of the school), and:
 - (1) Two days of practice have elapsed.
 - (2) There is no loss of academic class time.
 - (3) Each high school team, i.e., varsity, JV, sophomore, freshman, is allowed one scrimmage.
 - (4) An individual student is allowed to participate in only one day of scrimmage activity. Note: An individual student may participate in multiple levels of scrimmages conducted on the same day.
 - (5) Any wins/losses would not count towards the team's record or toward an individual's record.
- b. Any interschool scrimmage other than the one described in 4. a. counts toward the maximum allowed games.

Note: If either school counts a scrimmage as a game, it must be counted as a game for both programs, schools or teams.

5. DATE OF FIRST MEET

The first meet may not be held before Friday, April 3.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

- The maximum number of meets is 14, and no more than six of the 14 may be multiple-school meets (involving total of more than two teams). Schedules of all teams should be clearly published and separated by level for each team sponsored by a school.
- Conference tournaments must be included in count of regular season maximums.
- A school may enter only one team in one varsity meet per day.
- No meet may continue more than two days unless postponed or altered due to weather. A two-day conference, invitational or multi-dual meet counts as one meet.
- A varsity event where a varsity reserve or JV team competes in a varsity event counts toward a school/team's maximum of 14 varsity events for the season.
- No meet may be scheduled (but a meet may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved in the rescheduled event have begun WIAA tournament series competition.
- The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed meets. Conference meets count as one multiple - school meet toward a school's maximum allowed meets.
- Competition involving students not eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams (e.g., Grades 7-8 students) must be conducted at a time other than during the period (start to finish) of a meet.
- Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- A student who participates at both the varsity and nonvarsity levels during the season may not participate in more than 14 meets and no more than six of the 14 may be multiple-school meets (involving total of more than two teams).
Note: A two day conference meet counts as one meet.
- Only students eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams may participate on an exhibition basis.
- For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete meet) at the same level of competition as the disqualification.
- Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game. During the regular season, schools should establish their own policy as to whether athletes are allowed to be in uniform and participate in pregame and postgame activity, if they are ineligible to compete due to flagrant and/or unsportsmanlike conduct, athletic and/or academic code violations, or for any other reason.
- Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.

9. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT TOURNAMENT SITE

Schools are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for subsectional, sectional, and State Tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

10. CONTEST CONTROL

- All schools are responsible before, during and after a contest for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students and other spectators and, when requested, a school must complete a report regarding the contest in which a problem occurred (WIAA Bylaws, Article X).
- Schools are expected to prohibit and/or eliminate pranks, mischief or any other activity involving destruction, theft, etc., of athletic facilities, equipment and material.
- Schools are required to conduct a pre-contest meeting (Pre-event Emergency Action Plan Meeting) that shall include event management, the head official and medical personnel present at the event, to discuss the Emergency Action Plan.

11. LICENSED OFFICIALS

NOT APPLICABLE

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

For all meets and practices, emergency procedures should be in place as per DPI and Wisconsin Statute 121.02 (1) (g) Emergency Nursing Service. These should include, but are not limited to, such things as:

- A physician available by phone or on location.
- Phone location and phone numbers available for contacting physician and/or ambulance service.
- A designated physician or licensed athletic trainer will determine whether an injured athlete may continue whether or not consciousness is involved. They may consult with another physician if they desire, but their decision will be final. Coaches cannot keep medical personnel from examining athletes that are or may be injured.

13. CONCUSSION AND/OR UNCONSCIOUS PARTICIPANT

No athlete shall return to play or practice on the same day of being diagnosed with a concussion. Any athlete suspected of having a concussion must be evaluated by an appropriate health-care professional that day. Any athlete with a concussion must be medically cleared by an appropriate health-care professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition. Return to play must follow a step-wise protocol which includes provisions for delaying return to play based upon the return of any signs or symptoms. Any athlete deemed unconscious must have medical evaluation and clearance before being allowed to return to participation.

14. OXYGEN AND FLUIDS PROVIDED INTRAVENOUSLY

- a. Oxygen administered by mechanical means for recuperative purposes is not permitted.
- b. Fluids provided intravenously is an invasive procedure to be used only in emergency situations. An athlete may not return to competition the same day.

Note: See WIAA Medical Policies and Procedures for additional medical information.

15. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

WIAA Season Regulations and WIAA Season Regulations approved at the January Board of Control meeting (**as identified on the WIAA website**) and the official rules for all interscholastic competition as contained in the (a) current edition of USTA Official Rules of Tennis and (b) related publications and interpretations of the United States Tennis Association with these additional provisions:

ADAPTATIONS TO USTA RULES

- a. The conference (for conference matches) or host school (for nonconference matches) will determine type of play, number on a team, players participating in both singles and doubles, the tie-breaker procedure to be used, the system of scoring to be used, etc.
- b. All players must wear appropriate clothing during warm-ups and competition. Manufacturer's small names or logo's on warm-up or competition clothing are not a violation if they do not exceed 2" x 3" (excluding shoes, socks, and racquet). Two manufacturer's logo/trademark is allowed on each piece of attire. Team shirts/shorts/hats may not reference another sport (e.g., football, soccer, etc. other than tennis in the player's school. University and professional names and logos are not allowed on warm-up or competition apparel.

Hats are allowed if they refer to a team's school name, nickname, mascot, or do not exceed the 2" x 3" manufacturer logo restriction. Plain hats are acceptable.

A player detected wearing illegal clothing during a match (any time after first serve by either player) will without warning:

- (1) Be penalized, at the time of detection, one game at the conclusion of the game in progress.
 - (2) Must replace the illegal clothing before resuming play. (Turning the clothing inside out is not acceptable.)
 - (3) Be penalized under point penalty system for undue delay in replacing such uniforms.
 - (4) A second offense will be penalized by loss of the set in progress, and a third offense will be penalized by loss of match in progress.
 - (5) Penalties are cumulative throughout dual or multiple school events.
 - (6) Enforcement of this rule is the responsibility of the host school.
 - (7) Under severe weather conditions appropriate adjustments can and should be allowed, (i.e., illegal sweatshirts may be turned inside out). Illegal hats may never be worn.
 - (8) Nonvarsity teams shall be allowed to wear old varsity uniforms which are now unapproved provided participant safety is not jeopardized.
- c. No coaching which interferes with continuous play will be allowed. (Continuous play starts with the warm-up.)
 - (1) Coaching will be allowed during any changeover (except the first of a set) for a maximum of ninety (90) seconds beginning with completion of the last point. First offense - - warning, second and subsequent offenses - - point penalty.
 - (2) Between the first and second sets with a maximum time limit of two minutes and with the understanding that the player(s) remains on the court.
 - (3) Between the second set and 10 pt. match tie-break (when applicable) during the 3 minute rest period.

Note: The number of coaches per school is limited to two people. The head coach and assistant must be under contract with the school as tennis coaches. Improper use of the coaching privilege could result in dismissal of those coaching privileges and/or disqualification of the player. Parents are not allowed to coach while players are on the court.

 - (4) Non-varsity players while playing in a non-varsity competition may accept verbal and hand signal advice from their school's designated coach only. The designated coach is allowed on the court as identified by current rules.

- d. Court Conduct - The sequence of penalties for misconduct shall be point, game, and default. Penalties will NOT carry over from subsectionals to sectional competition.

- (1) A doubles team is considered and penalized as a unit on the same basis as an individual.
- (2) It is the responsibility of the tournament manager to enforce misconduct regulations.
 - (a) It is recommended that the tournament manager secure whatever assistance is necessary to enforce the regulations.
 - (b) It is recommended that coaches enforce appropriate penalties on their own players.
 - (c) All penalties are to be reported to the tournament manager.
 - (d) It is the tournament manager's responsibility to keep track of penalty progression.

- e. Foot Faults – A player or their coach must issue two warnings to their opponent prior to a foot fault being called. After two warnings, play may be stopped to request an umpire. If an umpire is not available, it is the responsibility of the host school to provide a competent foot fault judge for the remainder of that match. If an umpire or competent judge is available, all subsequent foot faults must be called on both players by that individual.

If a competent foot fault judge is not available, the player may call obvious foot faults on their opponent.

- f. If a player is unable to compete (withdraws, retires, defaults, walks over, or disqualifies herself/himself) from a match during the regular season, the player/team records a loss on the season record for that match. During WIAA tournament play, the player may not return to play that day. If match is in progress, the score shall stand, and additional sets not yet played will be scored 2-0; for a match not yet begun 2-0, 2-0.
- g. Rest periods offered shall be one hour for singles players and 30 minutes for doubles teams between all matches regardless of play format. Two hours of rest must be offered to singles players between matches where the two-out-of-three set format is used outdoors. Indoor single matches where the two-out-of-three set format is used also require a two-hour recovery period is offered when a match lasts longer than 120 minutes.

- h. Smart watches, phones or other communication devices will not be allowed on the court. If needed for medical purposes, the team needs to contact the WIAA office for approval. If violation occurs, the point penalty system will be utilized.**

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. Coaches must report to their school administration within 48 hours following a contest any player or coach ejection. School administrators must then report the ejection to the WIAA via written communication within three (3) school days following the contest. This written communication must also include a plan of action to prevent future ejections. Officials will continue to provide electronic reports to the WIAA.

16. WIAA SEASON REGULATIONS SUPERSEDE USTA RULES**17. NON-VARSITY TEAMS WITH ONLY GRADE 9 STUDENTS**

The above rules apply with these additional provisions:

- a. The season ends on Saturday of Week 49 (June 14).

18. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON GRADE 8 TEAMS

- a. Rules governing junior high/middle level competition are contained in the Junior High/Middle Level Handbook.
- b. A school may not allow its students in Grades 9, 10, 11 and/or 12 to compete against another member school's students in Grade 8 and/or below.

Note: In emergency situations a waiver may be requested allowing 9th grade student(s) at member middle schools to compete at the 8th grade level at member middle schools.

- c. Rules governing Grade 9 season length apply for teams with students Grade 9 and below.

Tennis (Boys)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN TWO DIVISIONS (1-2)

- a. The largest 66% of schools sponsoring tennis are in Division 1 with the remaining 34% of schools in Division 2.
- b. Cooperative teams are placed into divisional competition on the basis of the combined enrollment of the schools involved.
- c. Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to July 1. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

Note: Please refer to tournament performance factor and procedures outlined in the Constitution. Article III, 3B and Appendix N.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, QUALIFYING AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 25) of WIAA Senior High Handbook.

- a. Schools are assigned to:
 - (1) Division 1 - One of sixteen subsectionals on **Tuesday, May 26 or Wednesday, May 27**, with those reaching the semifinals in Flight 1 singles or doubles and those reaching the finals in Flights 2, 3, or 4 singles and Flights 2 and 3 doubles advancing to one of eight sectional meets on **Thursday or Friday, May 28 or 29**.
 - (2) Division 2 - One of eight subsectionals on **Tuesday, May 26 or Wednesday, May 27**, with those reaching the semifinals in Flight 1 singles or doubles and those reaching the finals in Flights 2, 3, or 4 singles and Flights 2 and 3 doubles advancing to one of four sectional meets on **Thursday or Friday, May 28 or 29**.

b. State

- (1) The State Individual Tournament will be held on Thursday-Friday-Saturday, June 4-5-6 at Nielsen Stadium (indoor) at UW-Madison.
- (2) The State Team Tournament will be held on Friday-Saturday, June 12-13 at Nielsen Stadium (indoor) at UW-Madison.
- (3) Participating in the State Individual Tournament will be:

Division 1 - The top four finishers in Flight 1 and the top finisher in Flight 2 in singles and doubles at each sectional. A maximum of sixteen additional singles players and doubles teams, which were eliminated earlier in the tournament series, (singles players in singles only, doubles teams in doubles only) selected by the State Seeding Committee. One of the singles players/doubles teams must be chosen from each sectional. A player must have taken the court and played a point at the subsectional or sectional level to be eligible for consideration as a special qualifier.

Division 2 - The top four finishers in Flight 1 and the top finisher in Flight 2 in singles and doubles at each sectional. A maximum of eight additional singles players and doubles teams, which were eliminated earlier in the tournament series, (singles players in singles only, doubles teams in doubles only) selected by the State Seeding Committee. One of the singles players/doubles teams must be chosen from each sectional. A player must have taken the court and played a point at the subsectional or sectional level to be eligible for consideration as a special qualifier.

Note: If a player, who has qualified for the State Individual Tournament, is unable to participate, the WIAA must be notified by **Noon** on **Saturday**, May 30. The State Seeding Committee will be allowed to select an additional qualifier(s) if notification is received by the time identified above.

- (4) Participating in the State Team Tournament will be:
 - Divisions 1 and 2 - The sectional team champion.
- (5) Seeding the State Team Tournament.
 - (a) Division 1 - the eight State Tournament qualifying teams will be placed in rank order. The qualifying coaches will conduct a conference prior to the State Tournament to place and draw the teams into the State Tournament brackets. The WIAA staff will conduct the meeting.
 - (b) Division 2 - The four State Tournament qualifying teams will be placed in the rank order. The qualifying coaches will conduct a conference call prior to the State Tournament to place and draw the teams into the State Tournament brackets. The WIAA staff will conduct the meeting.

Note: The coaches association president or a designated representative will participate in the seeding meeting to cast the tie-breaking vote, if needed.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 45 and 46) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

EXCEPTIONS

- a. 15. a. under Adaptations to USTA Rules does not apply.

ADDITIONS

- a. A school must participate in a minimum of four meets during the regular season.
- b. A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than fourteen meets, more than six multischool meets during the regular season, or scheduled more than one varsity meet per day.
- c. A tournament team for subsectionals shall consist of the following for both divisions:
 - (1) Singles - Four individuals placed in Flights 1, 2, 3, and 4.
 - (2) Doubles - Three teams placed in Flights 1, 2, and 3.

A player may not be switched from singles to doubles or vice versa or from one doubles team to another doubles team once the tournament series begins. Players must be played in rank order.

- d. A tournament begins when the first match of that tournament is assigned to a court. After that assignment, no substitutes are allowed in singles.
- e. Competition shall be as follows:
 - (1) Straight elimination (best two-out-of-three sets with regular scoring) at all levels.
 - (2) Playoff for third place between losers of semifinals at sectional and State Individual Tournament.
 - (3) Playoff (in two rounds) for fifth place between losers of quarterfinals at State Individual Tournament.
- f. An individual player (singles or doubles) will not be required to play more than three matches in one day except during the sectional meet and the State Individual Meet.
- g. The WIAA will be furnishing a web address to all participating schools for an Online Entry which should be completed by Thursday, May 16 at noon. A school's entry becomes official when it is submitted to the tournament manager. Along with the Entry Form, each player/doubles team must submit a detailed listing of their season match-by-match. Significant wins and losses to ranked opponents should be recorded.

(1) A Division 1 singles player shall play in a minimum of six singles matches at any flight during the regular season in order to be entered in the subsectional tournament at Flights 1, 2, and 3 only. A Division 2 singles player shall play a minimum of five singles matches at any flight during the regular season in order to be entered in the subsectional tournament at Flights 1, 2, and 3 only.

(2) A Division 1 doubles team shall play in a minimum of six doubles matches at any flight during the regular season in order to be entered in the subsectional tournament at Flights 1 and 2 only; A Division 2 doubles team shall play in a minimum of five doubles matches at any flight during the regular season in order to be entered in the subsectional tournament at Flights 1 and 2 only.

Note: Exceptions will be allowed for the following reasons:

- (a) Physician's statement that an athlete cannot participate;
 - (b) Coach presents a letter from their principal showing an athlete has been disciplined by that school; or
 - (c) The WIAA approves a change for extenuating circumstances.
- h. Rest periods offered shall be one hour for singles players and 30 minutes for doubles teams between all matches regardless of play format. Two hours of rest must be offered to singles players between matches where the two-out-of-three set format is used outdoors. Indoor single matches where the two-out-of-three set format is used also require a two-hour recovery period is offered when a match lasts longer than 120 minutes. Rest periods may not be used for practice purposes.

Note: The meet manager may extend the rest periods for extremely hot weather or extra long matches.

- i. Warm-up time shall be limited to 10 minutes prior to any match. This allowed time must include all serving practice.
- j. Tardiness – The State Tournament manager has the authority to default a player/doubles team for tardiness. The following default rule shall apply during the State Tournament.
 - (1) A player or doubles team who finds that they will be delayed in arriving through no fault of their own must notify the tournament manager. The manager may delay the match starting time provided prior arrangements have been made to assure the player's arrival. Such delay shall not be of a length that the sequence of play for the involved bracket must be significantly altered.
 - (2) If a player or doubles team has an unexcused tardiness and has not contacted the tournament manager they shall be penalized one game for each five minutes delay from the time the players are called. After fifteen minutes, the tournament manager will default the absent player/doubles team.

Note: A tardy player/doubles team who has been penalized at least one game will also be penalized loss of toss.

 - (3) A defaulted match will be scored 2-0, 2-0.

k. **All third sets shall be a 10 pt. match tie-break in lieu of a full third set throughout the tournament series (subsectionals, sectionals and state).**

- l. A Request for Seed form must be submitted by each head coach for use by the State Seeding Committee. Inaccurate records may result in a loss of seed.
- m. Host schools are not permitted to allow participating schools to practice on their facilities prior to their tournament. Warm-ups are allowed prior to the start of competition.
- n. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy

The Board of Control has approved a policy for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or drones at outdoor WIAA State Tournament Series events. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. Drone operation requires a Remote Pilot Command license. Operators must also receive written consent from the WIAA executive office at least 24 hours in advance, as well as approval of the host facility event management. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook. Contact the WIAA office with all requests to operate drones at WIAA Tournament events.

- o. A designated, on-site event, appropriate health-care professional who determines an athlete should not participate, shall not be overruled.
- p. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

4. SUBSTITUTIONS

- a. Following are the substitution options available from the time subsectional lineups are turned in until the first match of the subsectional is assigned to a court for reasons of injury, illness, or school discipline:
 - (1) Move everyone up. (Can't substitute from singles to doubles or vice versa.)
 - (2) Direct substitution at that position.

Note: The flight shall be reseeded only if the player being replaced had received a seed.

- b. A singles player cannot be replaced during the subsectional and/or sectional tournament series.
- c. An individual who has qualified from the sectional to the Individual State Tournament as a singles player cannot be replaced.

- d. A doubles team cannot be changed:
 - (1) For any reason before a match ends.
 - (2) Except if a coach presents a physician's statement that an athlete cannot participate.
 - (3) Except if a coach presents a letter from their school principal showing an athlete has been disciplined by that school.
 - (4) Unless the WIAA approves a change.
- e. An individual who has qualified for the State Team Tournament cannot be replaced prior to the start of the team tournament:
 - (1) Except if a coach presents a physician's statement that an athlete cannot participate.
 - (2) Except if a coach presents a letter from their school principal showing an athlete has been disciplined by that school.
 - (3) Unless the WIAA approves a change for extenuating circumstances.
 - (4) Substitution options:
 - (a) Move everyone up.
 - (b) Allow direct substitution for that position.
- Note: Schools are encouraged to bring substitutes to the team tournament.
- f. A replaced player may not return to competition earlier than the following day.
- g. A substitute may not be a player who participated earlier in the tournament program.
 - Note: A member of a doubles team eliminated at an earlier level of competition may not be used as a substitute for that school's other doubles teams.
- h. If a player is unable to compete (withdraws, retires, defaults, or disqualifies herself) from a match at the sectional meet, the player may not return to play that day.
- i. Singles players and doubles teams may not retire from a match during the State Team Tournament. Penalty for retiring from a match is removal from the remainder of the tournament.

5. SUBSECTIONAL TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

a. Scheduling of Competition

The host school determines the time of competition at the subsectional level within the dates specified.

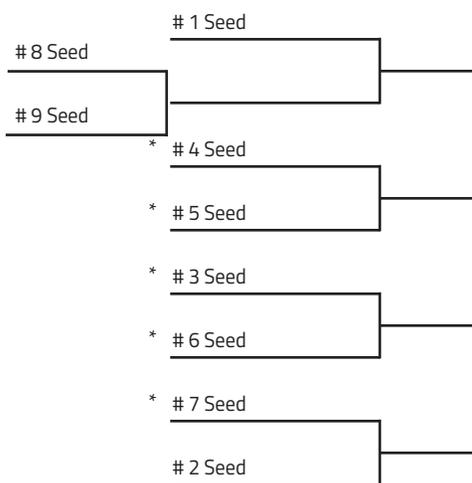
The subsectional seeding meeting shall be held, at a central location, the night prior to the scheduled subsectional competition or the morning of subsectional competition at the host school's discretion. Travel of teams involved should be taken into consideration.

b. Seeding

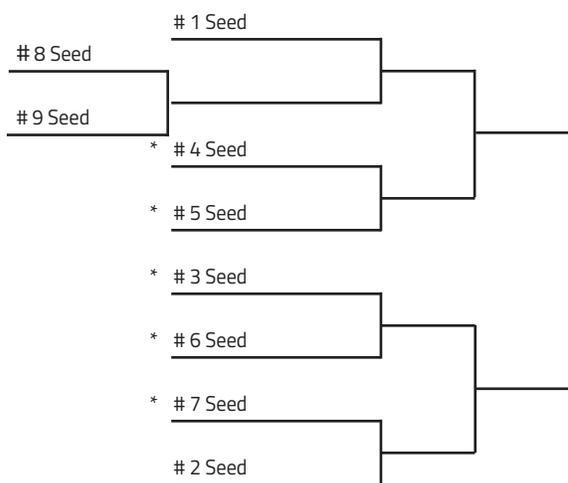
- (1) All team members are to be ranked in position according to their ability.
- (2) When a coach requests a review of a team's line-up a majority vote of the coaches at the subsectional shall be used to determine whether or not a team's line-up is ranked in position according to their ability.
- (3) If a team's line-up is determined to be out of order, the impacted coach shall provide a corrected line-up to be reviewed by the subsectional coaches.

(4) Seeding meeting Host will be paid \$70 by the WIAA.

BRACKET - Divisions 1 and 2 - Flight 1



Divisions 1 and 2 - Flights 2, 3, 4



*Remaining players if not seeded can be placed in draw as determined by a vote of the coaches.

****All third sets shall be a 10 pt match. The tie-break in lieu of a full third set throughout the tournament series (subsectionals, sectionals and state)**

- (4) Coaches are required to submit, at the seeding meeting, entry forms with individual match records and requests for seeds. Failure to do so may eliminate players of that school from consideration for a seed. Voting by coaches may be taken on each individual request or on all requests as a group. In casting their vote, coaches should consider the effect not seeding a good player may have on other players in the tournament.
- (5) There will be five seeds per flight, by a majority vote of the coaches, additional seeds and placements are allowable.
- (6) Considerations for seeding will include:
 - (a) A singles player or doubles team shall play three matches in that flight during the regular season to be considered for a seed at that same flight in the subsectional tournament. By a majority vote of the coaches, this provision can be waived in order to seed the bracket accurately.

- (b) Illness and similar situations at time of a loss will not be considered.
- (c) Seeding Criteria, **should be used in order (when applicable):**
 - 1) Head-to-head play.
 - 2) **Results and scores** against common opponents (when applicable).
 - 3) Results against indirect opponents.**
 - 4) The caliber of competition within which a record has been established can be considered (strength of schedule).
 - 5) Overall W-L percentage in all matches.

Note: When two or more competitors appear to be deadlocked after **using the criteria above, a random draw will take place to order the deadlocked competitors.**

- (d) The basic objective of seeding, a ratio of one to every four players, is to space these players so they will not meet each other in the early rounds.
 - (e) A player deserving of a seed may not refuse a seed even if their coach has not completed a Request for Seed Form.
 - (f) The high school season record is to be the basic consideration for seeding. Summer play and rankings may be used only to resolve a deadlock.
 - (g) Forfeitures and retirements due to a violation of the USTA's maximum number of matches per day rule, following a completed match, are not to be used for seeding purposes.
 - (h) Only the seed and draw prepared at the coaches meeting is official.
- (7) A vote of head coaches will resolve disagreements. Coaches will not be required to vote but should do so if they feel they have sufficient information to help make a decision.

c. Scoring

Points will be awarded as follows:

- 4 points for a win preceded by a bye.
- 2 points for receiving a bye in any flight, singles or doubles, and losing first match. (Player must play match to receive points.)
- 2 points for a win.
- 0 points for winning a lead-in (pig-tail) match.

d. Awards

None.

e. Finances

- (1) Host School Allowance - **\$165** Manager Fee - **\$105**
- (2) Allowance to Participating Schools - None.
- (3) Admission - There are no provisions for charging admission at prestate levels.

6. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

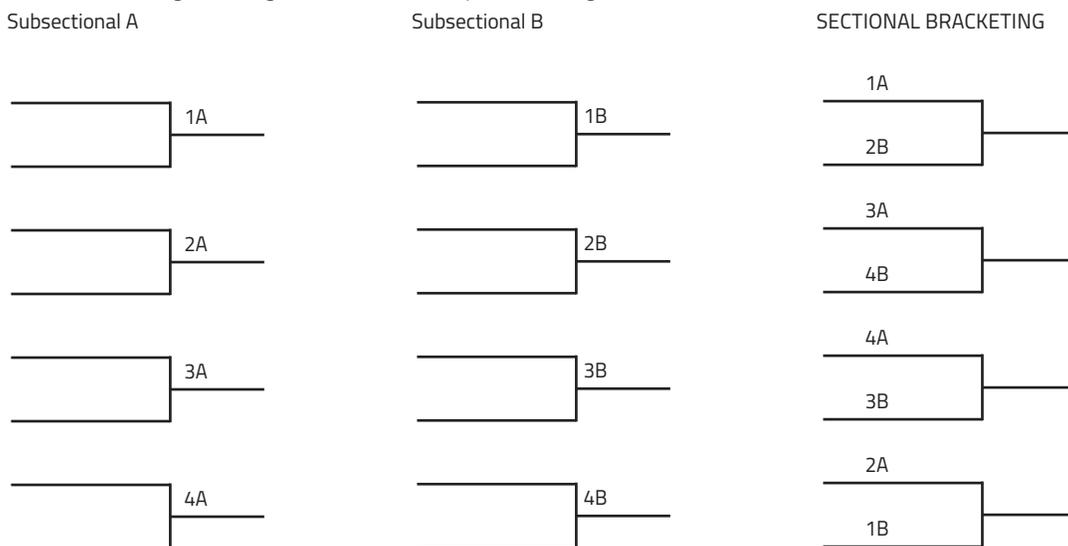
a. Scheduling of Competition

The host school determines the time of competition at the sectional level within the dates specified.

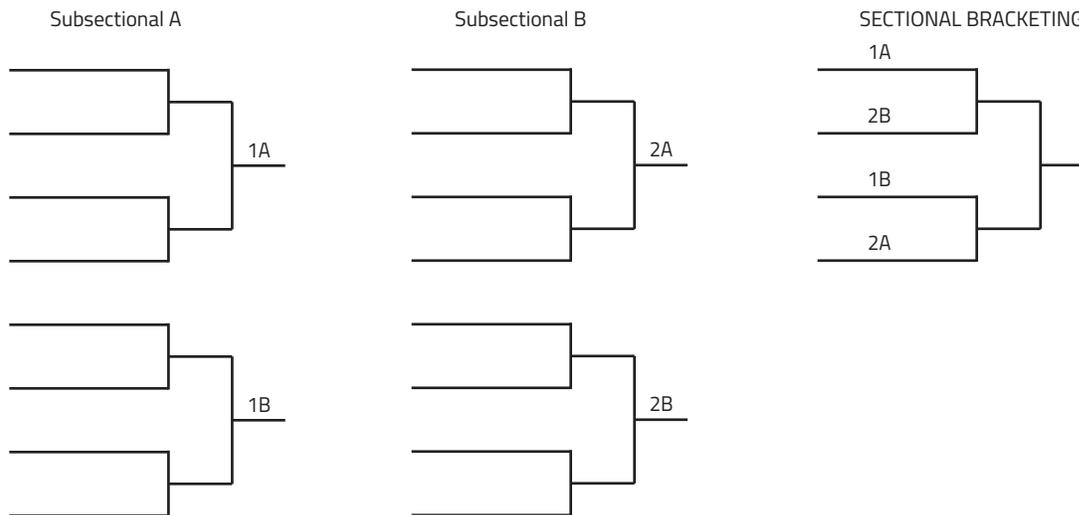
b. Singles players at Flight 1 for Divisions 1 and 2 must play a super tiebreak in lieu of a final third set.

c. Seeding

- (1) Divisions 1 & 2 - Flight 1 - Singles and Doubles - Players advancing from the subsectional will be cross bracketed as follows:



(2) Divisions 1 & 2 - Flights 2, 3, and 4 Singles and Flights 2 and 3 Doubles - A crossover system will be used as follows:



(3) A third place playoff will be held for third in each flight.

d. Scoring

Points will be awarded as follows:

4 points for a win preceded by a bye.

2 points for receiving a bye in any flight, singles or doubles, and losing first match. (Player must play match to receive points.)

2 points for a win.

1 point for a third place finish.

0 points for winning a lead-in match.

e. Awards

(1) Plaque to the top two teams and medals to members (10) of the top two teams.

Note: If there is a tie for first place, the State Team Tournament qualifier will be determined using the following tie-breaker provision:

Step 1: Team that has won at least four matches played between the two teams in the subsectionals and sectionals.

Step 2: Team with the most first place finishes will advance. (Doubles count as one)

Step 3: Team with the most second place finishes will advance. (Doubles count as one)

Step 4: Team with the most third place finishes will advance. (Doubles count as one)

Step 5: Team with the most fourth place finishes will advance.

Step 6: Team that lost the fewest games in the sectional.

Step 7: If tied after sectionals, fewest games lost at subsectional.

(2) Medal to the top finisher in each flight and additional qualifiers in Flight 1 singles and doubles.

(3) Medals to the additional qualifiers picked by the State Seeding Committee.

Note: Division 1 - Maximum of sixteen additional qualifiers in singles and doubles.

Division 2 - Maximum of eight additional qualifiers in singles and doubles.

f. Finances

(1) The following items are authorized for payment:

(a) Tournament Manager Fee - ~~\$90~~.

(b) Umpire - ~~\$160~~ paid directly by the WIAA office.

(c) Host School Allowance - ~~\$150~~.

(2) Allowance to Participating Schools - None.

(3) Admission - There are no provisions for charging admission at prestate levels.

7. STATE TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

a. Scheduling of Competition

(1) State Individual Tournament

Thursday, June 4

Play will involve all first round matches and will begin at 10:30 a.m. (A match-tie breaker will be played in lieu of a third set.)

Friday, June 5

9 a.m. Competition continues through quarterfinals of singles and doubles

Saturday, June 6

8:30 a.m. Consolation Semifinals

9 a.m. Championship Semifinals

(2) State Team Tournament

A team's lineup at the State Team Tournament must be identical to the lineup entered at the subsectional tournament.

The order of play at the State Team Tennis Tournament will be: #4 Singles, #3 Doubles, #3 Singles, #2 Doubles, #2 Singles, #1 Doubles, #1 Singles.

Friday, June 13

3:30 p.m. Division 1 Quarterfinals
 Upper Bracket
 #1 Seed vs. #8 Seed
 #4 Seed vs. #5 Seed
 Lower Bracket
 #3 Seed vs. #6 Seed
 #2 Seed vs. #7 Seed

Saturday, June 14

9 a.m. Division 1 Semifinals and Division 2 Semifinals
 Upper Bracket (Division 2)
 #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
 Lower Bracket (Division 2)
 #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
 Divisions 1 and 2 Finals

**TBA based on
 court availability**

b. **All matches shall play at 10 pts. match tie-break in lieu of a three-set match**

c. Seeding

Seeding procedures for State Individual Tournament: **(used in order when applicable):**

(1) Head-to-head play.

(2) Results and scores against common opponents.

(3) Results against indirect opponents.

(4) The caliber of competition within which a record has been established can be considered (strength of schedule).

(5) Overall W-L percentage in all matches.

Note: When two or more competitors appear to be deadlocked after **using the criteria above, a random draw will take place to order the dead-locked competitors.**

(5) A Flight 2 player/team that has not qualified or been selected for the State Individual Tournament cannot be selected unless the Flight #1 player/team from their school team has qualified or been selected.

(6) A Flight 3 player/team that has not qualified or been selected for the State Individual Tournament cannot be selected unless the Flight #2 player/team from their school team has qualified or been selected.

(7) A Flight 4 player/team that has not qualified or been selected for the State Individual Tournament cannot be selected unless the Flight #3 player/team from their school team has qualified or been selected.

(8) Placements for seeds and sectional winners shall not exceed 16 in Division 1 and 8 in Division 2.

(9) A sectional winner is not guaranteed a seed. Consideration for seeds is given to all sectional winners.

(10) Byes are assigned to the top eight seeded players in Division 1 and the top four seeded players in Division 2.

(11) Coaches are responsible for submitting an accurate Request for Seed form. Inaccurate records may result in a loss of seed.

(12) Teammates cannot play each other in the first round.

(13) Seeding:

(a) Division 1

No. 1 Seed - Line 1; No. 2 Seed - Line 64.

No. 3 Seed - Line 48; No. 4 Seed - Line 17.

No. 5 Seed - Line 25; No. 6 Seed - Line 40

No. 7 Seed - Line 56; No. 8 Seed - Line 9

No. 9 Seed - Line 13; No. 10 Seed - Line 52.

No. 11 Seed - Line 36; No. 12 Seed - Line 29.

No. 13 Seed - Line 21; No. 14 Seed - Line 44.

No. 15 Seed - Line 60; No. 16 Seed - Line 5.

(b) Division 2

No. 1 Seed - Line 1; No. 2 Seed - Line 32.

No. 3 Seed - Line 24; No. 4 Seed - Line 9.

No. 5 Seed - Line 13; No. 6 Seed - Line 20.

No. 7 Seed - Line 28; No. 8 Seed - Line 5.

c. Seeding Procedures for State Team Tournament

Seed all eight Division 1 teams and all four Division 2 teams in the State Team Tournament.

Division 1: #1 vs. #8; #2 vs. #7; #3 vs. #6; #4 vs. #5. Division 2: #1 vs. #4; #2 vs. #3.

- d. Scoring
 - (1) State Individual Tournament - No team points will be kept.
 - (2) State Team Tournament - Head-to-head competition using dual meet scoring with the winner advancing to the next round of competition.
- e. Conduct Penalties
 - (1) State Individual Tournament - The sequence of penalties for misconduct shall be: point, game, and default.
 - (2) State Team Tournament – The sequence of penalties for misconduct shall be: point, game, and default. Misconduct penalties that occur at the end of a player’s match will be applied to the player of the next called match. If all matches have been called, the penalty is assessed to the highest match in progress.
 - Note: Code violations given after a team match are subject to the following:
 - 1st offense – point penalty
 - 2nd offense – one game penalty
 - 3rd offense – three game penalty
 - Behavior subject to disqualification is a three-game penalty on the next match out or the highest ranked match in progress. Penalty points and/or games are to be awarded at the start of the next game. If a match is in a tie-break, points will be awarded before the next point.
- f. Awards
 - (1) State Individual Tournament - Medals to the top six finishers in singles and doubles.
 - (2) State Team Tournament - Trophy to top two teams. Medals to members (10) of top two teams.
- g. Finances
 - (1) Host School Allowance - None.
 - (2) Participating Schools Allowance
 - Schools will receive an allowance for their State Tournament expenses. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:
 - (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city at the rate of **70¢** per mile.
 - Note: No allowance will be paid to schools located in the State Tournament city.
 - (b) **\$60** for each actual participant plus one other person.
 - (3) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket
 - State Meet \$9 *
 - *On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.
 - (4) Admission Policies
 - (a) Free admission to the State Individual and Team Tournament will be provided only for the actual number of participants plus up to two alternate players and two additional persons.
 - (b) For WIAA team championships, where space is available, one complimentary ticket will be provided to the athletic director and principal of participating schools for their personal use. These tickets are not transferable and will be provided upon request.
 - (c) There is no provision for free admission for bands or cheerleaders.
 - (5) Officials
 - (a) State Meet Officials will be paid:
 - 1) Officiating Fee - **\$22** per hour (roving, referee, and chaired)
 - 2) 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel expense

8. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)

Track & Field (Boys and Girls)

SEASON REGULATIONS

(Rules in this section are specific for sport involved. Refer to Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Eligibility for regulations related to age, residence, scholarship, amateur status, etc.)

ALERT: State Law (175.22) prohibits use of cell phones (and other image-recording devices) in locker rooms except in emergency situations.

1. PRESEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON

- a. Organizational meetings may be conducted outside the season provided no instruction or practice is included and the meeting(s) has been approved by school administration.
- b. So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students, there shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31** for all WIAA sports sponsored by the school. Sanctioned school contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
- c. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual school season of a sport. Subsequently, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school and/or school coach involvement. 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 in all WIAA sports sponsored by the school, without restriction **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**. Note: Whether an opportunity is school sponsored or not, coach contact may not exceed Board of Control approved contact days.
- d. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as sanctioned school coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with the 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 contact is as follows:
 - (a) Sanctioned School Coaching Contact - Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded sanctioned school coaching contact **between June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section.
 - 1) There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no sanctioned school coaching contact prior to (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport. This does not affect nonschool programming.
 - 2) Football must follow the WIAA Fall Acclimatization policy.
 - (b) Nonschool Programming – Coaches in all sports except football have been afforded nonschool program contact beyond the sanctioned school contact days that is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session from the last day of school to the start of school) in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2 – A and C-1) of Rules of Eligibility, Article VI - Nonschool Participation.

Note: Coaches or others may not mandate participation or provide any incentives to athletes for participating in summertime/out-of-season activities/programs. Participation may not be a requirement for making a school team or earning a letter award, etc.

2. LENGTH OF SEASON

The earliest day practice may begin is the Monday of Week 36 (March 9). The season ends with the State Meet concluding on the Saturday of Week 48 (June 6).

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- a. There must be practices on a minimum of seven different days before the first competition may be conducted.
- b. The minimum days of practice may not involve a team from outside the school.
- c. The minimum days of practice prior to the first competition is a team requirement. While it is desirable for each participant to satisfy this requirement, schools will determine when athletes may begin competition.
- d. Teams must rest from all physical activity for at least one calendar day after six consecutive days of practice or competition. In the event extreme weather forces a WIAA tournament contest to be cancelled, school administration may request relief.

4. SCRIMMAGES

Any interschool scrimmage counts toward the maximum number of allowed meets.

5. DATE OF FIRST MEET

The first meet may not be held before Tuesday, March 17.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

- a. The maximum number of meets is 20. Schedules of all teams should be clearly published and separated by level for each team sponsored by a school.
- b. Conference tournaments must be included in count of regular season maximums.
- c. No meet may continue more than two days.
- d. No meet may be scheduled (but may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved have begun WIAA tournament series competition.
- e. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed meets.
- f. Competition involving students not eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams (e.g., Grade 7-8 students) must be conducted at a time other than during the period (start to finish) of a meet.
- g. Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- a. A student is limited during regular season competition as follows: he/she may compete in a maximum of four events, but in no more than three running or three field events.
 - (1) An event will count as one of the maximum permitted if an individual participates only in the preliminaries of such an event.
 - (2) If a meet is conducted over a two day period, the maximum participation of any student will apply.
 - (3) The penalty for violation of this rule is forfeiture of points earned by the student in the event(s) beyond the maximum permitted.
- b. A student may not participate in more than 20 meets. A student who participates on the same day on both the varsity and nonvarsity teams uses only one of the 20 meets, but may not enter the same events at both levels and may not exceed individual participation limitations.
- c. A student may not participate in exhibition events unless there is written mutual agreement of all involved schools to conduct such competition.
- d. Only students eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams may participate on an exhibition basis, and students may not exceed individual participation limitations in their combined exhibition and team scoring events.
- e. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- a. A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete meet).
- b. Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game. During the regular season, schools should establish their own policy as to whether athletes are allowed to be in uniform and participate in pregame and postgame activity, if they are ineligible to compete due to flagrant and/or unsportsmanlike conduct, athletic and/or academic code violations, or for any other reason.
- c. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.

9. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT MEET SITE

Schools are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for regional, sectional, and State Tournament preparation at sites and facilities hosting WIAA tournaments.

10. CONTEST CONTROL

- a. All schools are responsible before, during, and after a contest for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students, and other spectators, and when requested a school must complete a report regarding the contest in which a problem occurred (WIAA Bylaws, Article X).
- b. Schools are expected to prohibit and/or eliminate pranks, mischief, or any other activity involving destruction, theft, etc., of athletic facilities, equipment, and material.
- c. Schools are required to conduct a pre-contest meeting (Pre-event Emergency Action Plan Meeting) that shall include event management, the head official and medical personnel present at the event, to discuss the Emergency Action Plan.

11. LICENSED OFFICIALS

Two WIAA licensed officials (meet referee and starter) are required for all interscholastic competition.

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

For all meets and practices, emergency procedures should be in place as per DPI and Wisconsin Statute 121.02 (1) (g) Emergency Nursing Service. These should include, but are not limited to, such things as:

- a. A physician available by phone or on location.
- b. Phone location and phone numbers available for contacting physician and/or ambulance service.
- c. A designated physician or licensed athletic trainer will determine whether an injured athlete may continue whether or not consciousness is involved. They may consult with another physician if they desire, but their decision will be final. Coaches cannot keep medical personnel from examining athletes that are or may be injured.

13. CONCUSSION AND/OR UNCONSCIOUS PARTICIPANT

No athlete shall return to play or practice on the same day of being diagnosed with a concussion or rendered unconscious. Any athlete suspected of having a concussion must be evaluated by an appropriate health-care professional that day. Any athlete with a concussion must be medically cleared by an appropriate health-care professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition. Return to play must follow a step-wise protocol which includes provisions for delaying return to play based upon the return of any signs or symptoms.

14. OXYGEN AND FLUIDS PROVIDED INTRAVENOUSLY

- a. Oxygen administered by mechanical means for recuperative purposes is not permitted.
- b. Fluids provided intravenously is an invasive procedure to be used only in emergency situations. An athlete may not return to competition the same day.

Note: See WIAA Medical Policies and Procedures for additional medical information.

15. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

The official rules for all interscholastic competition are contained in the (a) current edition of TRACK & FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY RULES BOOK, CASE BOOK, AND OFFICIALS MANUAL and (b) related publications and interpretations of the National Federation with these additional provisions:

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- a. The National Federation order of running events is **NOT** followed in Wisconsin. The correct order of events designed by the Wisconsin high school track and field coaches is as follows: (Rule 1-2-1)

Note: Other events including mixed relays (2 boys and 2 girls) are allowed, but not the javelin or hammer throw, are permissible.

Boys

- (1) 3200 Meter Relay
- (2) 110 Meter High Hurdles
- (3) 100 Meter Dash
- (4) 1600 Meter Run
- (5) 800 Meter Relay
- (6) 400 Meter Dash
- (7) 400 Meter Relay
- (8) 300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles
- (9) 800 Meter Run
- (10) 200 Meter Dash
- (11) 3200 Meter Run
- (12) 1600 Meter Relay
- (13) Discus Throw
- (14) High Jump
- (15) Long Jump
- (16) Pole Vault
- (17) Shot Put
- (18) Triple Jump

Girls

- (1) 3200 Meter Relay
- (2) 100 Meter High Hurdles
- (3) 100 Meter Dash
- (4) 1600 Meter Run
- (5) 800 Meter Relay
- (6) 400 Meter Dash
- (7) 400 Meter Relay
- (8) 300 Meter Low Hurdles
- (9) 800 Meter Run
- (10) 200 Meter Dash
- (11) 3200 Meter Run
- (12) 1600 Meter Relay
- (13) Discus Throw
- (14) High Jump
- (15) Long Jump
- (16) Pole Vault
- (17) Shot Put
- (18) Triple Jump

- b. The correct order of events designed by the Wisconsin high school track and field coaches for combined (boy-girl) meets is as follows:

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| (1) 3200 Meter Relay (girls)* | (14) 400 Meter Relay (boys) |
| (2) 3200 Meter Relay (boys)* | (15) 300 Meter Low Hurdles (girls) |
| (3) 100 Meter High Hurdles (girls) | (16) 300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles (boys) |
| (4) 110 Meter High Hurdles (boys) | (17) 800 Meter Run (girls) |
| (5) 100 Meter Dash (girls) | (18) 800 Meter Run (boys) |
| (6) 100 Meter Dash (boys) | (19) 200 Meter Dash (girls) |
| (7) 1600 Meter Run (girls) | (20) 200 Meter Dash (boys) |
| (8) 1600 Meter Run (boys) | (21) 3200 Meter Run (girls)* |
| (9) 800 Meter Relay (girls) | (22) 3200 Meter Run (boys)* |
| (10) 800 Meter Relay (boys) | (23) 1600 Meter Relay (girls) |
| (11) 400 Meter Dash (girls) | (24) 1600 Meter Relay (boys) |
| (12) 400 Meter Dash (boys) | (25) Field Events |
| (13) 400 Meter Relay (girls) | |

Note: (a) *The 3200 meter relay and run must be conducted in the normal order of running events. It is legal, however, to run each of these events jointly (boys & girls together).

(b) Other special events, including mixed relays (2 girls and 2 boys) are allowed, but not the javelin or hammer throw.

- c. A student may enter a maximum of four events, but in no more than three running or three field events. Being listed as a substitute on a relay team(s) counts as an event.
- d. If a student participates in more than the allowed number of events, the student is only disqualified from the excessive event(s). The points/places earned in the excessive event(s) shall be forfeited. Lower place winners will be advanced. (Rule 4-2-2)
- e. Pole Vault Competition (Rule 6-5)
- (1) Pole vault competition can only be scheduled at facilities where the rule book equipment specifications are met.
 - (2) If a host school cannot schedule pole vault because equipment/facility does not meet rule book specifications, the following options are available to that host school:
 - (a) Conduct pole vault competition at an alternate site and add vaulting points to the total meet score.
 - (b) No pole vault competition – points are lost to the meet. Total team score from 17 events only.
 - (3) If a host school can schedule pole vault, but is competing with schools which do not sponsor pole vault because of illegal equipment/facilities, the conference (if a conference meet) or the host school (if a nonconference meet) shall determine meet events. Decisions which must be made include: if pole vault will be conducted and scored or if pole vault will be conducted for exhibition only.
 - (4) If a school, however, has legal equipment/facilities, but is not sponsoring pole vault because of lack of a coach or athletes, pole vault must be scheduled in meets with schools sponsoring pole vault and appropriate points for the pole vault forfeited to opponent(s).
- f. Jury of Appeals
- Responsibilities include hearing and ruling on appeals of referees' decisions, including the decision to re-run (or not re-run), who is eligible and when it will occur.
- g. A maximum of six students may be listed for each relay.

GUIDELINES FOR ATHLETES IN WHEELCHAIRS

- a. Athletes in wheelchairs are part of the WIAA Track and Field Tournament series. Schools having athletes in wheelchairs are required to fill out the submittable form located on the WIAA website each time the athlete competes. Additional information on rules can also be found on the WIAA website.

For the WIAA Tournament Series:

- (1) Wheelchair team must compete in a minimum of four meets during the regular season.
 - (2) The athlete(s) school must register with the intent to compete in the tournament series by the first Monday of May.
 - (3) Failure to comply with 1 and 2 above would eliminate the student(s) from the tournament series.
 - (4) Athletes in the tournament are scored in a separate wheelchair division by gender and receive the same awards as athletes without physical disability.
- b. Criteria: Anyone with a permanent disability resulting in loss of mobility is eligible. WIAA physician's form must be on file with the school nurse or designated personnel responsible for student related matters.
 - c. Equipment: Manual wheelchairs only for races. May be specialized racing chairs or court chairs. Throwing chairs must be used for the seated throws. All participants must wear a protective helmet. All participants must wear protective gear as prescribed by their physician. Shoes are not required. It is the responsibility of the athlete's family to provide and maintain the chair.
 - d. Events: Traditional track events including the following events; 100, 400, 800, and 1600, meters. Field event; shot put. There is a maximum of 4 events but no more than 3 track events may be contested in one single meet.
 - e. Seating Throws/Shot Put - Wheelchair Division
 - (1) For the WIAA tournament series, an athlete may take up to six throws consecutively.
 - a. The weight of implement for girls is 3k, boys 4k.
 - b. The first three throws with a one-minute interval.
 - c. Athletes will have two-minutes between the third and fourth throw.
 - d. Throws four, five and six will resume with one-minute intervals.
 - f. Rules of competition: Schools are expected to notify the host school (of the meet) 24 hours prior to the scheduled meet that they intend to have athletes in wheelchairs. All athletes in wheelchairs must compete in separate races from athletes without physical disability. Athletes in wheelchairs competing in the shot put may be included with the athletes without handicap, but are considered exhibition.
 - g. All wheelchair division track events should be coed whenever possible.
 - h. For 100 meter races, one lane should be left open between athletes.
 - i. Scoring: These events are considered "exhibition" only. No points will be awarded.

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. Field Events
 - (1) Pole Vault – Two feet of 2 inch thick additional padding is required around the landing pad area of the pole vault pit. Any additional obstructions beyond the two-foot extension should also be padded.
 - (2) High Jump – Three to four feet of 2 inch thick additional padding is required around the sides and back of the high jump landing pad.
 - (3) Throws – Athletes taking discus throws and shot put warm-ups are prohibited from taking more than two implements into the throwing circle at one time.
 - (4) In subvarsity competition, 1-1-1 rotation is recommended, but not required.
- b. Uniforms/Equipment
 - (1) Pole vaulters may wear a properly fitted helmet. The helmet should be "round and smooth and able to withstand multiple impacts". Helmets should not have a facemask or visor attachment. Helmets are recommended to meet ASTM PV helmet standards. The helmet should never be a substitute for safe equipment or sound technique.
 - (2) Pole vaulters must weigh in, in the presence of the athletic director and head track coach (if head coach is the athletic director, another administrator will assume this responsibility) two times per season. Week 36 (March 9) or prior to the first competition, and no sooner than Week 44 (May 4). State qualifying pole vaulters will need to provide a third updated verification form prior to the state meet. The pole vaulter's weight must be recorded on the Weight Verification Form and signed by a school administrator. One copy of the form must be kept on file with each member school. An additional copy must be made available on request by meet officials prior to each competition. Failure to comply with weigh-in procedures will result in disqualification from that event.
 - (3) Headwear – Only headbands, knit caps and durags which are unadorned except for school name, school nickname, or school mascots are legal.
 - (4) A single manufacturer's logo/trademark no more than 2 1/4 square inches with no dimension more than 2 1/4 inches is permissible on all items of apparel.
 - (5) Athletes must compete using the defined appropriate shoes/spikes.
 - (6) All relay team members must wear uniforms clearly indicating, through predominant color, school logo and color combination of all outer garments worn as a uniform, that members are from the same team.
- c. Coaches must report to their school administration within 48 hours following a contest any player or coach ejection. School administrators must then report the ejection to the WIAA via written communication within three (3) school days following the contest. This written communication must also include a plan of action to prevent future ejections. Officials will continue to provide electronic reports to the WIAA.
- d. Sprint relays conducted at indoor meets will use the 20m exchange zone if all legs of the relay are conducted in assigned lanes.

STATE ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. It is recommended that conference meets and invitationals follow the WIAA tournament order of events and other defined meet procedures.
- b. The conference (if a conference meet) or the host school (if a nonconference meet) shall determine how the discus throw, long jump, shot put, and triple jump are conducted (i.e., trials and finals, finals only, open pit, etc.).
- c. It is recommended that the "five active" continuing flight procedure be used for all high jump and pole vault competition.
- d. By rule book definition relays are races between teams of four contestants each running one leg (distance). All other relays (for example – three person relay, high jump relay, etc.) do not meet rule book definition, thus the regulations of identical uniforms, relay event cards, etc., (unless specified by the meet management) do not pertain.

- e. Receivers for relay exchanges that do not occur in assigned lanes shall line up, with assistance from a designated official, in the same relative position as their incoming teammates; the leaders shall pass in the first position, the second-place holders in the second position, etc. This line-up position is determined and should be maintained when the incoming runners are at the beginning of the straight before the pass. It is the responsibility of the outgoing runner to maintain the proper position throughout the exchange process. Once the exchange has been completed, the incoming runner shall maintain the same relative position and when interference is not possible, should move to the inside of the track.

16. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON GRADE 8 TEAMS

- a. Rules governing junior high/middle level competition are contained in the Junior High/Middle Level Handbook.
- b. A school may not allow its students in Grades 9, 10, 11 and/or 12 to compete against another member school's students in Grade 8 and/or below.

Note: In emergency situations a waiver may be requested allowing 9th grade student(s) at member middle schools to compete at the 8th grade level at member middle schools.

Track & Field (Boys and Girls)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN THREE DIVISIONS (1-2-3).

- The largest 128 member schools sponsoring track and field will be Division 1. The next largest 136 schools are Division 2 and the remaining schools will be Division 3.
- When one-gender schools create a discrepancy between the gender totals for a division, the gender with the greatest number of schools shall determine the cutoff.
- Cooperative teams are placed into divisional competition on the basis of the combined enrollment of the schools involved.
- Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to July 1. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

2. THE TOURNAMENT PLAN – LEVELS OF COMPETITION, DATES, QUALIFYING, AND SITES – IS AS FOLLOWS:

Note: In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease, refer to WIAA Bylaws, Article II, Section 6-A. (p. 28) of WIAA Senior High Handbook.

a. Regionals

- Schools are assigned to one of 48 regionals, which will be held on Tuesday, May 26.
- Assignments of teams to tournaments and host schools for those tournaments will be posted on the WIAA website.

Note: Starting in 2027. Schools are assigned to one of 48 regionals, which will be held on Monday (Division 1) and Tuesday (Divisions 2-3) in odd years and Monday (Divisions 2-3 and Tuesday (Division 1) in even years. When Memorial Day is Monday, all regionals will be on Tuesday.

b. Sectionals

- There will be eight sectionals in Division 1 and four sectionals each in Divisions 2 and 3, which will be held on Friday, May 29.
- The first four finishers in each event from each regional shall qualify for sectional competition.

Note: Starting in 2027. There will be eight sectionals in Division 1 and four sectionals each in Division 2 and 3. Division 1 sectionals will be held on Thursday and Division 2-3 sectionals on Friday in odd years; Division 2-3 will be held on Thursday and Division 1 on Friday in even years. When Memorial Day is Monday, all sectionals will be held on Friday.

c. State Meet

- The State Meet will be held on Friday-Saturday, June 5-6 at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse.
- The Friday sessions will be conducted with Division 1 first in even numbered years and Divisions 2 and 3 first in odd numbered years.
- Participating in the State Meet will be:
 - In Division 1 the first three finishers in each event from each sectional.
 - In Divisions 2 and 3 the first four finishers in each event from each sectional.
 - In Wheelchair division, sectional champions and individuals whose performances in sectionals rank among the ten best of all sectional performances in that event.
 - Individuals and relay teams whose performances in sectionals rank among the ten best of all sectional performances, including the first three sectional finishers (Division 1) and the first four sectional finishers (Divisions 2 & 3).
 - Performances of Group II field events (discus throw, long jump, shot put, and triple jump) may be from preliminaries or finals.
- The WIAA will release the extra qualifying standards the day after all sectionals are completed.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 48-50) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

ADDITIONS

- A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 20 meets.
- A school must participate in a minimum of four meets in order to be eligible for tournament competition.
- There will be competition only in the 18 official events specified in the Season Regulations (page 49).
- A school may enter a maximum of:
 - One entry in each relay event.
 - 28 individual event entries.
 - There is a maximum limit of three in any individual event.
 - A school not using all eligible entries may not fill these spots after the Friday (May 22) entry form deadline.
- A student may enter a maximum of four events, but in no more than three running or three field events. Being listed as a substitute on a relay team(s) counts as an event.
- Entry Forms

- (1) Schools will make their entries on-line.
 - (2) Entries must be made NO later than 8:00 a.m., Friday, prior to the regionals (May 22).
 - (3) Schools submitting forms after the deadline date or time will be permitted to compete, but will not receive consideration for seeds, lanes, heats, sections, etc.
 - (4) Omitted entries may be added to the regional entry list with approval of the WIAA office. The deadline for adding omitted athletes or relay teams is the conclusion of the coaches meeting, which is conducted at the regional site prior to the start of the meet. The added athlete(s)/relay team(s) will not be seeded. The penalty will be loss of per diem for each athlete advancing to the State meet and a letter of reprimand to the school. The following criteria would apply:
 - (a) 28 individual entries has not been met.
 - (b) Cannot replace a previously entered athlete.
 - (c) Relay team was omitted.
 - (d) Athletes may not be switched from one event to another with the exception of the girls 100/100H.
 - (5) After the Friday (May 23) 8:00 a.m. entry form deadline, tournament managers must scratch any individual who is entered incorrectly (i.e., more than four total events, more than three running events, etc.). Tournament managers should attempt to contact the coach/school to discuss the entry problem prior to automatically scratching a competitor.
 - (6) The event that will be scratched is the one that exceeds the allowed maximum following the published order of events.
Example: John Smith is entered in the long jump, triple jump, 100 meter dash, 400 meter relay, and 200 meter dash. John Smith will automatically be scratched from the 200 meter dash.
- g. Meet managers have no authority to allow substitutions in individual events on the day of the regional meet except:
- (1) If a coach presents a medical statement signed by a medical professional that a student cannot participate.
 - (2) If the WIAA approves a change.
 - (3) Individual(s) involved in substitutions will not be reseeded, but will assume the same section, heat, lane, and/or flight assignment of the original entry(s).
- h. Scratches are allowed the day of the meet, but no replacements are allowed except as indicated above.
- (1) An individual may scratch from part of the meet without having to scratch from the entire meet.
 - (2) An individual who is already entered in an event(s) cannot scratch from one event to replace a student in another event.
- i. Relays
- (1) Schools must list individual names and a seed time on the Tournament Entry Form.
 - (2) A maximum of six students may be listed. The same listed individuals must be retained through the entire tournament series. (regional/sectional/state)
 - (3) Additional relay substitution names, beyond the original six entered, may be added for injury, illness, or discipline. In order to add additional names, six athletes must have been listed on the original entry form and the substitution must be necessary for the team to compete (a team must be down to three or less eligible competitors). Additional substitutes will only be added with a signed medical excuse by a medical professional or disciplinary letter from the school's athletic director, principal or superintendent/president. The substitution **must** be approved by the WIAA office. This new substitute may not exceed four events from his/her original entry for regionals.
 - (4) Being listed as a relay team member counts as one of the four allowed events whether or not the student participates.
 - (5) Coaches have until the Clerk of Course checks in the teams to designate which listed runners will compete.
 - (6) Relay seed times should consist of the actual running times of the students listed, not the fastest season relay time. Coaches should estimate if necessary.
- j. There shall be **NO** ties in any event relating to qualifiers at a given regional or sectional, unless as indicated below.
- (1) In the event the tie is in a running event there must be a run-off between the tied competitors. Ties in events with individual legs of 800 meters or longer will stand for qualifying positions for sectionals and State. Ties in field events must be broken by using the procedure stipulated in the National Federation Track & Field Rules Book to break first place ties. Third place (Division 1) and fourth place (Divisions 2-3) sectional ties must also be broken for of sectional awards.
 - (2) The best original performance will be recorded and used for seeding or determining extra qualifiers when a jump-off/run-off is conducted.
Note: Any tie (other than first place) will be randomly seeded.
- k. Meet managers will determine allowable footwear (spikes or flats) for all events.
- l. Eight places will be scored in the total tournament series (regionals, sectionals, and State).
- m. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy
The Board of Control has approved a policy for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or drones at outdoor WIAA State Tournament Series events. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. Drone operation requires a Remote Pilot Command license. Operators must also receive written consent from the WIAA executive office at least 24 hours in advance, as well as approval of the host facility event management. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook. Contact the WIAA office with all requests to operate drones at WIAA Tournament events.
- n. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

4. REGIONAL AND SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) Host schools are asked to attempt to schedule their competition with regard for the normal school day. Competition should begin as late as possible in the afternoon. **All field events must begin 45 minutes before the running events, but no competition may begin prior to 3 p.m. without consent from the WIAA office.**

Note: There have been problems in the past relative to regional meets falling on the same date as commencement exercises for some schools. Host schools cannot be expected to make adjustments in their schedules because of commencement or any other conflict since so many schools are involved in a track & field meet.

- (2) Regionals/Sectionals must be conducted on the scheduled date. Meet managers are authorized to make compensations for adverse weather such as: (a) moving certain events indoors, (b) delaying competition as long as necessary and reasonable until later in the day/ evening, or (c) changing order of events (e.g., moving hurdles to later in program if in the best interest of safety). If meet managers feel weather conditions are life-threatening or injurious to participants, they may postpone competition to the next day. If the meet or any portion of the meet is postponed to a later date, no extra qualifiers will advance from those events held on the alternate date.

Note: When no host can be found and/or when multiple schools have expressed an interest to host, the WIAA has the final authority from the Board of Control to determine the location, date, and time for a tournament series contest.

- (3) All field events should occur simultaneously followed by the 3200 meter relay and if necessary, by trials in specified running events (sprints and hurdles).

Field Events (should begin 45 minutes prior to the running events)

- Boys Pole Vault
- Boys Triple Jump
- Boys Discus
- Girls High Jump
- Girls Long Jump
- Girls Shot Put

These events will be contested first, followed by the other gender when the event is completed. Wheelchair/Seated Shot Put competes with the appropriate gender. If the facility has two field event venues (i.e. two pole vault pits) the genders are allowed to be contested simultaneously. When the participants dictate the need for finals only, trials need not be contested. Meet managers should allow an 8-minute break to account for the scheduled, uncontested trial.

ALL REGIONAL SCHEDULE – DIVISION 2 & 3 SECTIONAL SCHEDULE

- 1600 Meter Coed Wheelchair
- 3200 Meter Relay (Girls)
- 3200 Meter Relay (Boys)
- 100 Meter Dash (Girls)
- 100 Meter Dash (Boys)
- 100 Meter High Hurdles (Girls)
- 110 Meter High Hurdles (Boys)
- Break – 15 minutes (Regionals all divisions, sectionals Divisions 2 and 3)
- 110 Meter High Hurdles (Boys)
- 100 Meter High Hurdles (Girls)
- 100 Meter Coed Wheelchair
- 100 Meter Dash (Girls)
- 100 Meter Dash (Boys)
- 1600 Meter Run (Girls)
- 1600 Meter Run (Boys)
- 800 Meter Relay (Girls)
- 800 Meter Relay (Boys)
- 400 Meter Coed Wheelchair
- 400 Meter Dash (Girls)
- 400 Meter Dash (Boys)
- 400 Meter Relay (Girls)
- 400 Meter Relay (Boys)
- 300 Meter Low Hurdles (Girls)
- 300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles (Boys)
- 800 Meter Run (Girls)
- 800 Meter Run (Boys)
- 800 Meter Coed Wheelchair

200 Meter Dash (Girls)
 200 Meter Dash (Boys)
 3200 Meter Run (Girls)
 3200 Meter Run (Boys)
 1600 Meter Relay (Girls)
 1600 Meter Relay (Boys)

DIVISION 1 SECTIONAL SCHEDULE

Boys Triple Jump - 4:00
 Girls Long Jump - 4:00
 Boys Discus - 4:00
 Girls Shot Put - 4:00
 Boys & Girls High Jump - 4:00
 Boys & Girls Pole Vault - 4:00
 1600 Meter Coed Wheelchair - 4:30
 3200 Meter Relay Girls - 4:45
 3200 Meter Relay Boys - 5:00
 Break of 30 Minutes
 100 Meter High Hurdles Finals Girls - 5:40
 110 Meter High Hurdles Finals Boys - 5:47
 100 Meter Coed Wheelchair
 100 Meter Dash Finals Girls - 5:52
 100 Meter Dash Finals Boys - 6:00
 1600 Meter Run Girls - 6:05
 1600 Meter Run Boys - 6:15
 800 Meter Relay Girls - 6:25
 800 Meter Relay Boys - 6:30
 400 Meter Coed Wheelchair
 400 Meter Dash Girls - 6:35
 400 Meter Dash Boys - 6:40
 400 Meter Relay Girls - 6:45
 400 Meter Relay Boys - 6:50
 300 Meter Low Hurdles Girls - 6:55
 300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles Boys - 7:00
 800 Meter Run Girls - 7:10
 800 Meter Run Boys - 7:15
 800 Meter Coed Wheelchair
 200 Meter Dash Girls - 7:20
 200 Meter Dash Boys - 7:25
 3200 Meter Run Girls - 7:30
 3200 Meter Run Boys - 7:45
 1600 Meter Relay Girls - 8:00
 1600 Meter Relay Boys - 8:10

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract two officials (referee and starter) to officiate at each regional meet. If available three officials may be assigned by the WIAA. The WIAA will contract four officials (meet referee, field referee and two starters) to officiate at each sectional.
- (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - **\$105**.
 - (b) Expenses
 - 1) 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - 2) \$12 meal allowance.
 - 3) Officials shall travel together when geographically feasible with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.

- c. Awards
- Regional – Plaque to championship team.
- Sectional –
- (1) Plaque to championship team.
 - (2) Medals to first three individuals/relay teams (Division 1), first four individuals/relay teams (Division 2 and 3) sectional champion in wheelchair division, plus other individuals/relay teams among the ten best (including the first three finishers in Division 1, first four finishers in Divisions 2 and 3) the sectional champions in Wheelchair Division of all sectionals combined.
- d. Finances
- (1) Host School Allowance
 - (a) A financial report provided by WIAA must be filed by each school conducting a meet.
 - (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts.

Regionals –

 - (a) The school will receive **\$395** for meet expenses and \$50 for purchasing shells for the starters.
 - (b) The meet manager will receive **\$150**.
 - (c) A \$1,000 stipend for timing services
 - (d) If a balance remains after payments are made as listed, WIAA and the host school will share equally (50-50) in this amount.**
 - (e) If tournament receipts do not cover items listed above, the WIAA will subsidize the difference.**

Sectionals –

 - (a) The school will receive **\$340** for meet expenses and \$50 for purchasing shells for the starters.
 - (b) The meet manager will receive **\$135**.
 - (c) A \$1,000 stipend for timing services
 - (d) If a balance remains after payments are made as listed, WIAA and the host school will share equally (50-50) in this amount.**
 - (e) If tournament receipts do not cover items listed above, the WIAA will subsidize the difference.**
 - (2) Participating School Allowance - There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
 - (3) Ticket Prices - Child/Student/Adult - Regionals \$6/Sectionals \$7
 - (4) Admission Policy
 - (a) Only the following people will be allowed free admission:
 - 1) The athletes actually competing.
 - 2) Three additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.).
 - 3) There is no provision for free admission for administrators or cheerleaders.
- e. Additional Rules
- (1) Tournament Information

Tournament managers should provide tournament information to the coaches of the assigned schools and WIAA licensed officials, which includes the order of competition for the field events, a minimum of two weeks prior to the tournament date.
 - (2) Wheelchair Division
 - (a) All track events should be coed whenever possible. Events are though, scored separately by gender.
 - (b) One division for all competitors.
 - (c) Optional participation at regionals.
 - (d) Required participation at sectionals with a legitimate mark recorded.
 - (3) Jury of Appeals

Each tournament manager must appoint a Jury of Appeals consisting of the two contracted WIAA starters, meet manager, and a coach of a boy's team and a coach of a girl's team not from the same school or host school. Adjustments will be necessary if only two WIAA officials are assigned to a regional. Members of the committee must stay on site until 30 minutes after results are posted.

 - (a) The Meet Referee cannot be part of this committee.
 - (b) If anyone on the committee has his/her school involved with an appeal they must withdraw from that particular review.
 - (c) Alternate girls and boys coaches should be appointed in the event a coach must withdraw. (see b)
 - (d) The membership of this committee must be published and sent to all involved schools prior to the meet.
 - (e) This committee serves as the final board of appeals. Their responsibilities include:
 - 1) Hearing and ruling on appeals of official's decisions, including the decision to re-run (or not re-run), who is eligible, and when it will occur.
 - 2) This committee, however, has no authority to set aside, modify, or change defined WIAA tournament qualifying procedures or National Federation Track & Field rules.
 - (f) The WIAA does not have the authority to change a Meet Referee or Jury of Appeals decision.
 - (g) The Meet Referee must assemble this committee prior to the start of the meet to review their responsibilities.
 - (h) Appeals may be verbal (not required to be written.)

- (4) Recording Devices/Television Equipment
The use of recording devices or any other television equipment shall not be used by the meet manager or the Jury of Appeals to verify or determine:
- (a) Disqualifications
 - (b) Officiating Decisions
- (5) Preventative Officiating
- (a) The Clerk of Course and field event judges shall prior to the start of each race and field event enforce uniform, visible apparel, and shoe regulations.
Note: Any tie (other than first place) will be randomly seeded.
 - (b) The final responsibility, however, still lies with the athlete and/or coach.
- (6) Seeding of Regional and Sectional Events:
- (a) Sectionals use actual regional performances in the running events (times) not regional places. For field events the actual performances and first place finishes are used to seed.
 - (b) Trials
 - 1) Trials in the sprints and hurdles, if necessary, must be conducted at the beginning of the meet after the 3200 Meter Relays (girls & boys), but separate from the finals in the following order:
 - 100 Meter Dash (Girls)
 - 100 Meter Dash (Boys)
 - 100 Meter High Hurdles (Girls)
 - 110 Meter High Hurdles (Boys)
 - 2) Break: 15 minutes for Regionals (all divisions) and Division 2 and 3 Sectionals.
30 minutes for Division 1 Sectionals.
 - 3) Heat leaders (fastest entries) must be determined for all of the above mentioned events.
The results of running events are based upon head-to-head competition and all contestants should have the opportunity to compete in the heat earned by the athlete's place and/or qualifying times.
 - (c) Lane Assignments:
 - 1) Heats will be set up in preliminaries (where applicable) and finals as outlined under Order of Events and Time Schedules. Runners (relay teams) will be assigned to lanes on the basis of their seed times as follows:
 - Hurdles, 100, 200, 400, 400 Relay, 800 Relay
 - Six lane track** – Fastest runner (relay team) in Lane 3, next fastest in Lane 4, next fastest in Lane 2, then Lane 5, 1, and 6, in that order.
 - Eight or nine lane track – Fastest runner (relay team) in Lane 4, next fastest in Lane 5, then Lane 3, 6, 2, 7, 1, 8, and 9.
 - 2) 800, 1600, 3200, 1600 Relay, 3200 Relay
Fastest runner (relay team) in Lane 1, next fastest in Lane 2, etc.
 - 3) A curved waterfall line for the start of the 1600 and 3200 meter runs is recommended.
 - 4) Runners who have either visual or hearing impairments shall be given special consideration in assigning lanes.
 - 5) For 100 meter wheelchair races, one lane should be left open between athletes. For all other wheelchair races, the lane assignments and seeding procedures will be the same as the procedures for all other races as outlined above.
 - (d) Sections
 - 1) Sections must be conducted when more runners are entered than available lanes in the 300 meter hurdles, 400 meter relay, 400 meter dash, 800 meter relay, and 1600 meter relay.
 - 2) Factors involved in determining the number of sections includes: a) number of entries, b) available lanes, and c) seed times.
 - 3) Sections must be established on the basis of best times.
 - 4) The assignments to sections shall consist of:
 - a) If more than one section is run the fast section should be filled provided there are at least three competitors or relay teams in any additional section(s).
 - b) The slowest section(s) runs first.
 - 5) The 3200 meter run should be conducted in one section. The girls' 3200 meter run must be run first followed by the boys' race.
 - 6) The 1600 meter run must be conducted in two sections if there are more than 20 entries on a track of six lanes or less.
 - a) If two sections are run, half of the total number of runners must be assigned to each section. If an odd number the extra runner is assigned to the fast section.
 - b) If the track facility has eight or more lanes, the 1600 meter run may be conducted in one section regardless of the number of runners.
 - 7) The 800 meter run and the 3200 meter relay shall be conducted as:
 - a) 6 lane track
 - [1] 9 runners/relay teams - 1 section

- [2] 10 - 18 runners/relay teams - 2 sections
- [3] 19 and above runners/relay teams - 3 sections
- b) 8-9 lane track
 - [1] 10 runners/relay teams - 1 section
 - [2] 11 and above runners/relay teams - 2 sections
 - [3] 21 and above runners/relay teams - 3 sections
- (e) **NO SEMIFINALS** will be conducted for any track events.
- (f) Qualifying from preliminaries to finals will be the winner in each heat, plus the next fastest times from any heat until all available lanes are filled with a maximum of nine. Field events advance nine regardless of the number of lanes on the track.
- (g) Timing
 - 1) Fully Automatic Timing (FAT)
 - a) FAT should be used for all sectional races
 - b) In case of system malfunction, when hand times are used they should be converted as per NFHS rule book conversion .24 for all races.
 - c) Regional sites may use FAT even if all sites that feed into the same sectional site do not use FAT.
 - d) It is recommended that a minimum of three manual timers be used for back-up.
 - e) FAT system shall remain fully operational until the meet has concluded and the 30 minute time allowed for appeals has expired.
 - 2) Hand Times
 - a) Times must be recorded in tenths of a second.
 - b) The recording of times in hundredths of a second may be used to eliminate ties to determine the next fastest times in filling lanes from preliminaries to finals.
 - c) Tournament managers should secure sufficient meet personnel so timers and finish judges are different individuals.
 - d) Hand times from regionals will be converted by adding .24 for sectional seeding purposes.
- (h) Field Events
 - 1) Using performances listed on the team entry form, contestants having the poorest performances will be first and those having the best performances will be last in order.
 - 2) Meet managers are allowed to use the open pit/cafeteria style concept for competition in the long jump and triple jump events for preliminaries only. Coed open pit may be used at facilities which have only one runway.
 - 3) The "five active" continuing flight procedure must be used for all high jump and pole vault competition, unless there are less than nine competitors. The switch from "five active" should occur at the start of a new height.
 - 4) Athletes taking discus throws and shot put warm-ups are prohibited from taking more than two implements into the circle at one time.
 - 5) Field events must be measured and recorded in feet and inches.
 - a) Each legal trial must be measured and recorded immediately (including the discus throws).
 - b) Measurements for the long jump, shot put, and triple jump must be to the nearest lesser 1/4".
 - c) Measurements for the discus throws must be recorded to the nearest lesser inch.
 - 6) All field event implements must be weighed prior to the start of competition.
- (i) Heights
 - 1) The tournament manager will decide the starting height for both the high jump and pole vault. The starting heights shall be determined by counting down using the performance of the eighth best athlete then subtracting two increments (4" high jump and 1' pole vault).
 - 2) High Jump
 - a) Starting height must be of an even numbered inch – 4'6" , 4'8" , 4'10" , 5'0" , 5'2" , 5'4" , etc.
 - b) The bar must be raised two inches each time until six competitors remain. The bar thereafter will be raised one inch each time.
 - 3) Pole Vault
 - a) Starting height must be at 6" or 12" increments – 6'0" , 6'6" , 7'0" , 7'6" , etc. (girls) and 10'0" , 10'6" , 11'0" , 11'6" , etc. (boys).
 - b) Bar must be raised six inches each time until six competitors remain. The bar thereafter will be raised three inches each time.
 - 4) Results must be reported in heights of 1" multiples for high jump and 3" multiples for pole vault. Other reported measurements will not be accepted and will be reduced to the lowest 1" (high jump) or 3" (pole vault) intervals.

5. STATE TOURNAMENT (Even Year Schedule)

- a. Scheduling of Competition – Friday, June 5 & Saturday, June 6

Friday, June 5**Division 1 Schedule**

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Division 1 - Coaches and athletes may check in implements (Discus and Shots), which will be used in Friday's competition
 7:30 a.m. Coaches may pick up team envelopes
 8:30 a.m. Stadium open for warm-ups
 9:20 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

FIELD EVENTS

9:30 a.m. Discus Boys (Discus #1)
 9:30 a.m. High Jump Girls (Pit # TBD)
 9:30 a.m. Long Jump Girls (Pit # TBD)
 9:30 a.m. Triple Jump Boys (Pit # TBD)
 10 a.m. Pole Vault Boys (Middle)
 11 a.m. Shot Put Girls (Shot Put #1)

Note: Warm-ups – (a) 45 minute break (30 minute break – shot put and discus) between groups, (b) the final 20 minutes (10 minutes – shot put and discus) of the general warm-up are exclusively for athletes in the first flight, (c) 15 minutes of warm-ups between flights, and (d) 10 minutes of warm-ups between trials and finals.

All Running Events Start At 9:30 a.m.

3200 Meter Relay – Boys
 100/110 Meter High Hurdles – Girls/Boys
 100 Meter Dash – Girls/Boys
 1600 Meter Run – Girls
 800 Meter Relay – Girls/Boys
 400 Meter Dash – Girls/Boys
 400 Meter Relay – Girls/Boys
 300 Meter Hurdles – Girls/Boys
 800 Meter Run – Girls
 200 Meter Dash – Girls/Boys
 3200 Meter Run – Boys
 1600 Meter Relay – Girls/Boys

Divisions 2 & 3 Schedule

8:30 a.m. Divisions 2 and 3 - Coaches may pick up team envelopes
 1 - 3:30 p.m. Divisions 2 and 3 – Coaches and athletes may check in implements (Discus and Shots), which will be used in Friday's competition
 1:45 - 1:45 p.m. Wheelchair warm-ups
 2:30 p.m. Stadium open for warm-ups
 3:20 p.m. Opening Ceremonies

FIELD EVENTS

3:30 p.m. Discus Division 3 Boys (Discus #1)
 Discus Division 2 Boys begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Boys (Discus #1)
 3:30 p.m. High Jump Division 2 Girls (West)
 High Jump Division 3 Girls (East)
 3:30 p.m. Long Jump Division 3 Girls (Pit # TBD)
 Long Jump Division 2 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Girls (Pit # TBD)
 3:30 p.m. Triple Jump Division 2 Boys (Pit # TBD)
 Triple Jump Division 3 Boys begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 2 Boys (Pit # TBD)
 3:45 p.m. Shot Put Division 2 Girls (Shot Put #1)
 Shot Put Division 3 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 2 Girls (Shot Put #1)
 Shot Put Coed Wheelchair/Seated to follow Division 3 Girls (Shot Put #1)
 3:45 p.m. Pole Vault Division 2 Boys (Middle)
 3:45 p.m. Pole Vault Division 3 Boys (North or South)

Note: Warm-ups – (a) 45 minute break (30 minute break – shot put and discus) between groups, (b) the final 20 minutes (10 minutes – shot put and discus) of the general warm-up are exclusively for athletes in the first flight, (c) 15 minutes of warm-ups between flights, and (d) 10 minutes of warm-ups between trials and finals.

All Running Events Start At 3:30 p.m.

There is no precise time schedule. The first race will begin at 3:30 p.m., and the competition will proceed as indicated in the order of events.

3200 Meter Relay – Divisions 3/2 Boys
 800 Meter Coed Wheelchair
 100/110 Meter High Hurdles – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
 100 Meter Dash – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
 1600 Meter Run – Divisions 3/2 Girls
 800 Meter Relay – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
 400 Meter Dash – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
 400 Meter Relay – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
 300 Meter Hurdles – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
 800 Meter Run – Divisions 3/2 Girls
 200 Meter Dash – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys
 3200 Meter Run – Divisions 3/2 Boys
 1600 Meter Relay – Divisions 3/2 Girls/Boys

Saturday, June 6

7:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Coaches and athletes may check in implements (Discus and Shots), which will be used in Saturday's competition
 7:30 - 8 a.m. Wheelchair warm-ups (only)
 8 a.m. Coaches may pick up team envelopes
 8 a.m. Stadium open for warm-ups
 9:55 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

FIELD EVENTS

9:30 a.m. Discus Division 3 Girls (Discus #1)
 Discus Division 2 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Girls (Discus #1)
 Discus Division 1 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 2 Girls (Discus #1)
 10 a.m. High Jump Division 2 Boys (East)
 High Jump Division 3 Boys (West)
 High Jump Division 1 Boys begin warm-up immediately after completion of Divisions 2 & 3 Boys
 10 a.m. Long Jump Division 1 Boys (Pit #1)
 10 a.m. Long Jump Division 3 Boys (Pit #4)
 Long Jump Division 2 Boys begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Boys (Pit #4)
 10 a.m. Pole Vault Division 1 Girls (Middle)
 10 a.m. Pole Vault Division 3 Girls (North or South)
 Pole Vault Division 2 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Girls
 10 a.m. Shot Put Division 1 Boys (Shot Put #1)
 Shot Put Division 3 Boys begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 1 Boys (Shot Put #1)
 Shot Put Division 2 Boys begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 3 Boys (Shot Put #1)
 10 a.m. Triple Jump Division 1 Girls (Pit #2)
 10 a.m. Triple Jump Division 2 Girls (Pit #3)
 Triple Jump Division 3 Girls begin warm-up immediately after completion of Division 2 Girls (Pit #3)

Note: Warm-ups – (a) 45 minute break (30 minute break – shot put and discus) between groups, (b) the final 20 minutes (10 minutes – shot put and discus) of the general warm-up are exclusively for athletes in the first flight, (c) 15 minutes of warm-ups between flights, and (d) 10 minutes of warm-ups between trials and finals.

All Running Events Start at 10 a.m.

There is no precise time schedule. The competition will proceed as indicated in the order of events.

3200 Meter Relay – Girls
 100 Meter High Hurdles – Girls
 110 Meter High Hurdles – Boys
 100 Meter Coed Wheelchair
 100 Meter Dash – Girls
 100 Meter Dash – Boys
 1600 Meter Coed Wheelchair
 1600 Meter Run – Boys
 800 Meter Relay – Girls
 800 Meter Relay – Boys
 400 Meter Coed Wheelchair
 400 Meter Dash – Girls
 400 Meter Dash – Boys
 400 Meter Relay – Girls
 400 Meter Relay – Boys
 300 Meter Low Hurdles – Girls
 300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles – Boys
 800 Meter Run – Boys
 200 Meter Dash – Girls
 200 Meter Dash – Boys
 3200 Meter Run – Girls
 1600 Meter Relay – Girls
 1600 Meter Relay – Boys

- Note: (1) All finals on Saturday are to be in this order – Division 3, Division 2, then Division 1.
 (2) If high temperatures and/or high humidity occurs, the WIAA with the advice of the State Meet medical personnel may revise the track schedule to have the 3200 meter run be the last event on both Friday and Saturday.
 (3) 1600 meter run for Division 1 will be run in two sections. In Divisions 2 and 3 there will be one section.
 (4) 3200 meter run for all divisions will be run in one section (per division).
 (5) 3200 meter relay for all divisions will be run in two sections with timed finals.
 (6) 800 meter run for all divisions will be run in two sections, regardless of the number of athletes competing, with timed finals.*

b. Additional Rules

(1) Jury of Appeals

A Jury of Appeals consisting of the WIAA meet manager, the field referee, a WIAA official, and a coach of a boy's team and a coach of a girl's team not from the same school shall be appointed.

- (a) The Meet Referee cannot be part of this committee.
- (b) If anyone on the committee has his/her school involved with an appeal they must withdraw from that particular Jury of Appeals review.
- (c) The membership of this committee must be published and sent to all involved schools prior to the meet.
- (d) This committee serves as the final board of appeals. Their responsibilities include:
 - 1) Hearing and ruling on appeals of official's decisions, including the decision to re-run (or not to re-run), who is eligible, and when it will occur.
 - 2) This committee, however, has no authority to set aside, modify, or change defined WIAA tournament qualifying procedures or National Federation Track & Field rules.
- (e) The WIAA does not have the authority to change a Meet Referee or Jury of Appeals decision.
- (f) The Meet Referee must assemble this committee prior to the start of the meet to review their responsibilities.
- (g) Appeals may be verbal (not required to be written)

(2) Recording Devices/Television Equipment

The use of recording devices or any other television equipment shall not be used by the meet manager or the Jury of Appeals to verify or determine:

- (a) Disqualifications
- (b) Officiating Decisions

(3) Preventative Officiating

- (a) The Clerk of Course and field event judges shall prior to the start of each race and field event enforce uniform, visible apparel, and shoe regulations.
- (b) The final responsibility, however, still lies with the athlete and/or coach.
- (c) Even if the Clerk or field event judge does not catch something prior to competition, if an athlete competes while wearing an illegal uniform, shoes, or using illegal equipment, they will be disqualified.

(4) Lane Assignments

Heats will be set up in preliminaries (where applicable) and finals as outlined under Order of Events and Time Schedules. Runners (relay teams) will be assigned to lanes on the basis of their sectional times, not places, as follows:

- (a) Hurdles, 100, 200, 400, 400 Relay, 800 Relay
Fastest runner (relay team) in Lane 5, next fastest in Lane 6, then Lane 4, 7, 3, 8, 2, 9, 1, and 10.
- (b) 800 Run, 1600 Relay, 3200 Relay
Fastest runner (relay team) in Lane 1, next fastest in Lane 2, next fastest in Lane 3, etc.
- (c) 1600 Run, 3200 Run
A curved waterfall line start will be based on contestant's seed times.
- (d) Runners who have either visual or hearing impairments should be given special consideration in assigning lanes.
- (e) For 100 meter wheelchair races, one lane should be left open between athletes. For all other wheelchair races, the lane assignments and seeding procedures will be the same as the procedures for able-bodied races.

(5) Qualifying from preliminaries to finals in running events (except 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, 3200 meter run, and 3200 meter relay) will be the following at the State Meet:

- (a) Winner in each heat.
- (b) Next fastest times until all available lanes are filled. Ten lanes are used.
- (c) If ties result in more qualifiers than lanes, timing to one one-thousand of a second will be used.
- (d) When forming final lane assignments from prelims, lanes will be assigned based on times with the fastest times in the preferred lanes.

(6) Timing

- (a) Two fully electronic timing and photo finish systems (Lynx) will be used to provide both a primary and a secondary backup timing system.
- (b) The fully automatic timing operator may recall a race if the FAT system malfunctions.

(7) Field Events

- (a) Using actual sectional performances and first place finishes, contestants having the poorest performances will be first and those having the best performances will be last in order.
Note: Any tie (other than first place) will be randomly seeded.
- (b) Athletes taking discus throws and shot put warm-ups are prohibited from taking more than two implements into the circle at one time.
- (c) All field event implements must be weighed prior to the start of competition.
- (d) Ten athletes will advance to the finals.
- (e) Wheelchair Seated Shot Put for the WIAA tournament series:
 - 1) Throwing order will be determined by the athlete's best distance prior to the State competition.
 - 2) All athletes will use the provided chair.
 - 3) The weight of the implement for girls 3k and the boys 4k.
 - 4) Once the participants throwing frame is secure, athletes will have five minutes to make necessary chair adjustments and warm-up throws. (Athletes can begin competition before time expires.)

- 5) All six consecutive throws will be taken during the athlete's session.
 - a) The first three throws with a one-minute interval.
 - b) Athletes will have two-minutes between the third and fourth throw.
 - c) Throws four, five and six will resume with one-minute intervals.
- (8) Heights
 - (a) The WIAA will decide the starting height for both the high jump and pole vault. The starting heights will be determined by counting down using the performance of the eighth best athlete then subtracting two increments (4" high jump and 1' pole vault).
 - (b) High Jump
 - 1) Starting height must be of an even-numbered inch – 4'6", 4'8", 4'10", 5'0", 5'2", 5'4", 5'6", 5'8", etc.
 - 2) Bar will be raised two inches each time until six competitors remain. The bar thereafter will be raised one inch each time.
 - 3) Contestants must be given at least one warm-up with the cross bar.
 - 4) The continuing flight procedure must be used for all high jump competition.
 - 5) When only one competitor remains in the competition, he/she may determine successive heights of the cross bar.
 - (c) Pole Vault
 - 1) Starting height must be at 6" or 12" increments – 6'0", 6'6", 7'0", 7'6", etc. (girls) and 10'0", 10'6", 11'0", 11'6", etc. (boys).
 - 2) Bar will be raised six inches each time until six competitors remain. The bar thereafter will be raised three inches each time.
 - 3) Contestants must be given at least one warm-up with the cross bar.
 - 4) The continuing flight procedure must be used for all pole vault competition.
 - 5) When only one competitor remains in the competition, he/she may determine successive heights of the cross bar.
- c. Officials
 - (1) The WIAA will contract five officials (meet referee, field referee, and three starters) to officiate at the State Meet.
 - (2) Officials will be paid according to the following schedule: **\$240**, plus the meet referee will receive an additional **\$90**, and the field referee will receive an additional **\$70**.
 - (3) Officials will be paid 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel, plus necessary food and lodging costs.
- d. Awards
 - (1) Trophy to championship and runner-up teams.
 - (2) Medals to first six individuals/relay teams in all events.
- e. Finances
 - (1) Participating Schools Allowances

Schools will receive an allowance for their State Tournament expenses. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

 - (a) Travel to and from State Meet city at the rate of **70¢** for 1-8 actual participants, **78¢** for 9-16 actual participants, and **\$1.12** for more than 16 actual participants.
 - (b) Schools which qualify both boys' and girls' contestants will have their participants tabulated together for purposes of determining travel allowances.
 - (c) No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Meet city.
 - (d) An allowance of **\$60** for each actual participant (a maximum of six in relays), plus one other person (two other persons if school has both boys and girls participating).
 - (2) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket.

Friday	
Session 1	\$11*
Session 2	\$11*
Saturday	
Championship Session	\$11*

*On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.
 - (3) Admission Policies
 - (a) Free admission will be provided for:
 - Athletes actually competing.
 - Three additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.).
 - (b) - There is no provision for free admission for administrators or cheerleaders.

6. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)