

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

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Basketball (Girls)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 19).....	November 10	November 9	November 8
Earliest Day for First Game (Week 20)	November 18	November 17	November 16
Regionals (all divisions) (Week 34)	February 24, 27 & 28	February 23, 26 & 27	February 22, 25 & 26
Sectionals (Week 35)	March 5 & 7	March 4 & 6	March 2 & 4
State (Week 36).....	March 12-13-14	March 11-12-13	March 9-10-11
Basketball (Boys)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 20).....	November 17	November 16	November 15
Earliest Day for First Game (Week 21)	November 25	November 24	November 23
Regionals (all divisions) (Week 35)	March 3, 6 & 7	March 2, 5 & 6	February 29, March 3 & 4
Sectionals (Week 36)	March 12 & 14	March 11 & 13	March 9 & 11
State (Week 37).....	March 19-20-21	March 18-19-20	March 16-17-18
Wrestling (Boys and Girls)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 20).....	November 17	November 16	November 15
Earliest Day for First Meet.....	November 28	November 27	November 26
Regionals (Girls).....	February 13	February 12	February 11
Team Sectionals (Boys).....	February 21	February 20	February 19
Individual Sectionals (Girls)	February 20	February 19	February 18
Individual Sectionals (Boys).....	February 14	February 13	February 12
State Boys Individual (Week 34).....	February 26-27-28	February 25-26-27	February 24-25-26
State Girls Individual (Week 34).....	February 26-27-28	February 25-26-27	February 24-25-26
State Team (Week 35)	March 6-7	March 5-6	March 3-4
Boys Swimming & Diving			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 20).....	November 17	November 16	November 15
Earliest Day for First Meet.....	November 25	November 24	November 23
Sectionals.....	February 13-14	February 12-13	February 11-12
State (Week 33).....	February 20-21	February 19-20	February 18-19
Gymnastics			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 19).....	November 10	November 9	November 8
Earliest Day for First Meet (Week 22)	December 4	December 3	December 2
Sectionals (Week 34)	February 26-27-28	February 25-26-27	February 24-25-26
State (Week 35).....	March 6-7	March 5-6	March 3-4
Hockey (Boys and Girls)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 19).....	November 10	November 9	November 8
Earliest Day for First Game.....	November 21	November 20	November 19
Regionals.....	February 17, 19 & 20	February 16, 18 & 19	February 15, 17 & 18
Sectionals.....	February 24, 27 & 28	February 23, 26 & 27	February 22, 25 & 26
State Boys (Week 35)	March 5-6-7	March 4-5-6	March 2-3-4
State Girls (Week 35)	March 5 & 7	March 4 & 6	March 2 & 4

Basketball (Boys & 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

- a. Girls - The earliest day practice may begin is Monday of Week 19 (November 10). The season ends with the State Tournament concluding on Saturday of Week 36 (March 14).
- b. Boys - The earliest day practice may begin is Monday of Week 20 (November 17). The season ends with the State Tournament concluding on Saturday of Week 37 (March 21).

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 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

- 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) Does not count in either team's win/loss record.
 - (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) It may be held any time during the regular season or the WIAA tournament series.

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:

- a. Girls – Tuesday, November 18.
- b. Boys – Tuesday, November 25.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED GAMES

- a. The maximum number of games is 24 for **all levels, 9-12th grade teams**. If schools opt to schedule games against out-of-state (nonbordering states), they are limited to **one** competition/tournament of that type. 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. Overtime is mandatory in all conference and nonconference games.
- d. No game may continue more than two days.
- e. A school may not play in more than two tournaments or in a nonconference tournament consisting of more than eight schools. Each game in a tournament counts as one game toward the maximum allowed games. Note: A tournament is any event that is bracketed and plays to winner.
- f. No game may be scheduled (but may be rescheduled if postponed) after either of the schools involved has begun WIAA tournament competition.
- g. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed games.
- h. 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. If schools opt to schedule games against out-of-state (nonbordering states), they are limited to one competition/tournament of that type.
- b. A student may not participate in more than the number of halves listed below based on the total number of games played (see a. above):

24 games – 72 halves

Note: When a JV game consists of only one half, followed by a varsity game with two halves – a player would be allowed to play in only two halves.

It is recommended that "Extra halves should be reserved for JV level players who do not get consistent varsity minutes."

- c. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the half limitation.
- d. A student may not participate in more than two tournaments.
- e. It is strongly recommended that a student participate at only one level (varsity or nonvarsity) on the same day.
- f. A student who participates at multiple levels on the same day may not play in more than a total of 3 halves on that day with overtime period(s) considered an extension of the second half. Note: The half rule does not apply in situations where a student plays two games at the same level (varsity or nonvarsity) on the same day.
- g. It is not the responsibility of game officials to enforce the half rule. Schools must report violations to the WIAA 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 game in which participant exceeded the maximum.
- h. It is strongly recommended that a student who is a varsity starter or leading reserve not play at the nonvarsity level.
- i. 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 AND INELIGIBLE ATHLETES

- 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.
Note: An athlete ejected from a game for receiving two technical fouls in a game is subject to this suspension.
- 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. In addition schools may not use a tournament playing floor a minimum of two hours prior to the start of a WIAA tournament game for the purposes of shooting, passing, etc. (Violations of two hour rule will result in violating school's coach losing the use of the coaching box for that game.)

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 materials.
- 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 are required for all interscholastic competition. Three officials are allowed.

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 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

- Oxygen administered by mechanical means for recuperative purposes is not permitted.
- 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 editions of BASKETBALL RULES and CASE BOOK and (b) related publications and interpretations of the National Federation with these additional provisions:

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- A mercy rule will be used for all levels of high school games.
 - When the point differential reaches 40 points or more with less than 9 minutes to play in the second half, the clock will go to running time. The clock will only be stopped for time-outs (team or official).
 - Rule applies during the regular season and tournament series.
 - If the differential drops below 40 points, clock still runs continuously until the game is over.
- Coaches, at all levels, are allowed to use a 28-foot coaching box.
- Teams may reverse the standard uniform colors outlined in NFHS Rule 4-1c (to dark for home and white for away) no more than 3 times a season with mutual agreement of the administration of both participating schools.

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- All varsity games will be played in two 18 minute halves. All nonvarsity games will be played in two 16 minute halves.
- Pregame Warm-up Procedure and Player Introductions will follow NFHS Rule 4.1 (pg. 28) and 5.1 (pg.86) in the NFHS Officials Manual.
 - There will be 15 minutes allowed for pregame warm-ups.
 - Officials' Pregame Protocol (NFHS Basketball Officials Manual, pgs. 28 & 86)
 - 15:00 Officials enter court and go directly to positions.
 - 12:00 Referee goes to the table and checks scorebook(s), briefs scorer and timer, checks game ball.
 - 10:00 Remaining official(s) go across the floor to join referee, greet the visiting coach, then greet the home head coach.
 - Referee goes to area in front of scorer's table.
 - U1 and U2 will get respective head coaches and captains from teams.
 - Referee does introductions of officials, coaches, and captain(s).
 - Referee conducts pregame briefing to include discussing legal equipment and good sporting behavior with head coaches and captain(s). Also discuss team color, proper basket, other appropriate items and answer any questions.
 - Return to original positions.
 - Introduction of Players - All five starters of the visiting team shall be introduced first followed by the five starters for the home team. Players shall not seek out the opposing coach to shake his/her hand.
- The school of a player who breaks a backboard is responsible for replacing the board.
- Nonvarsity teams shall be allowed to wear old varsity uniforms, which are now unapproved, provided participant safety is not jeopardized.
- 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.
- Maintains the one-and-one for common fouls with the seventh team foul in the half and establishes the bonus as two free throws awarded for a common foul beginning with the team's tenth foul in the half.

16. NON-VARSITY TEAMS WITH ONLY GRADE 9 STUDENTS

The above rules will apply with these additional provisions:

- The season ends on the Saturday of Week 34 (February 28) for girls and Saturday of Week 35 (March 7) for boys.
- One game involving the faculty or a school controlled group, such as a team of intramural players, does not count toward the maximum.
- Schools may decide by mutual agreement to use the smaller basketball for boys' competition.

17. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON GRADE 8 TEAMS

- Rules governing junior high/middle level competition are contained in the Junior High/Middle Level Handbook.
- 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.
- Rules governing Grade 9 season length apply for teams with students Grade 9 and below.

Basketball (Boys & Girls)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

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

- Division 1 – Schools with enrollments of 1200 or greater.
- Division 2 – Schools with enrollments of 600-1200.
- Division 3 – Remaining schools split equally between Divisions 3 and 4.
- Division 4 – Remaining schools split equally between Divisions 3 and 4.
Note: If there are an uneven number of schools for Divisions 3 and 4, Division 4 will include one more school than Division 3.
- Division 5 – Smallest 128 schools sponsoring basketball.
- 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 **April 1**. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.
- A member school will be placed up one division the first two years of its eligibility for tournament play.
- Any member school appearing in a State Tournament will not be placed in a smaller-school division the following year even if a decline in enrollment would normally place team in the lower division. This also applies to any school who has chosen to play up in a higher division.

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.

- Regionals
 - Girls
Schools will be assigned to groups with competition on Tuesday, February 24; Friday, February 27; and Saturday, February 28.
 - Boys
Schools will be assigned to groups with competition on Tuesday, March 3; Friday, March 6; and Saturday, March 7.
 - In Division 1, Sectional #1 schools will have until December 1 to vote on the design of their grouping. A majority of the schools will need to vote to split the group into two regional groupings.
 - The higher seed will host through the regional final game as long as they continue to advance in the bracket and they can provide adequate seating.
 - Final approval of all sites will rest with the WIAA.
- Sectionals
 - Girls
 - Sectional semifinal games will be played on Thursday, March 5.
Sectional final games will be played on Saturday, March 7.
 - Boys
 - Sectional semifinal games will be played on Thursday, March 12.
Sectional final games will be played on Saturday, March 14.
 - In the event a Division 3 or Division 4 school has both its boys and girls teams playing on Thursday, March 12, the boys game will be moved to Wednesday, March 11.
 - All sectional games will be played at sites predetermined by the WIAA. No school, in any division, will be allowed to play on their home court during sectional level play (semifinals and finals).
 - Final approval of all sites will rest with the WIAA.
- State Tournament
Winners of the sectionals games will participate in the State Tournament:
 - Girls
 - Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 12-13-14 - Resch Center, Green Bay.
 - Boys
 - Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 19-20-21 - Kohl Center, Madison.
 - Electronic seeding will be used to determine the seeding of the State Tournament.
 - 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 (regardless of division). Any time 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 2 - 4) 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 played more than 24 regular season games. Only in situations when a team has been removed from the tournament series as a result of using an ineligible player will the most recently defeated team be reinserted into the tournament bracket.

- b. A school must play a minimum of six games in the regular season to be eligible for tournament competition.
- c. Consolation games are prohibited at all levels of competition.
- d. The maximum number of participants for each tournament game is 18. Each participating school will be allowed a maximum of 18 players in full uniform for each tournament game.

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 (a): 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.

Note (b): The WIAA will award medals to 18 participants. Any additional medals can be purchased independently.

(1) A school may change its squad make-up from one tournament game to the next.

(2) A school is expected to provide tournament managers a list of its participants for program purposes.

e. Practice Sessions

(1) Host schools are not permitted to allow schools participating in a regional or sectional tournament game to use the playing floor (shooting, passing, etc.) two hours prior to the start of a tournament game.

(2) Schools hosting a regional or sectional tournament game(s) at a facility other than their school (e.g., college/university, high school with a larger gymnasium, etc.) are not permitted to practice at that facility.

f. Jersey Colors

(1) Regional games: Home team will wear white. If a neutral site is used, higher seed will wear white.

(2) Sectional and State games: The following procedure will be used – the second school alphabetically will wear white jerseys on odd number years, and the first school alphabetically will wear white jerseys on even number years. The odd/even school years are determined by the year in which the tournament falls.

g. Player Bench

(1) Each team will be allowed to have a total of 18 individuals on their player bench. A maximum of 13 eligible players in uniform are allowed on the player bench. This is in addition to the five players, in uniform, who are on the court.

(2) Teams shall occupy the bench so they are shooting at the basket in front of where their coaches and reserves are seated for the second half of the game.

(3) The gym should be split in half at the midcourt line. All adult fans should be placed on the same side of the gym being placed behind their respective player bench. Student fans should be placed directly across from their adult fans. No student fans for any team should be placed behind their opponents player bench.

h. Pregame Warm-up Procedure and Player Introductions will follow NFHS Rule 4.1 (pg. 28) and 5.1 (pg.86) in the NFHS Officials Manual.

(1) There will be 15 minutes allowed for pregame warm-ups.

(2) Officials' Pregame Protocol (NFHS Basketball Officials Manual, pgs. 28 & 86)

(a) 15:00 Officials enter court and go directly to positions.

(b) 12:00 Referee goes to the table and checks scorebook(s), briefs scorer and timer, checks game ball.

(c) 10:00 Remaining official(s) go across the floor to join referee, greet the visiting coach, then greet the home head coach.

1) Referee goes to area in front of scorer's table.

2) U1 and U2 will get respective head coaches and captains from teams.

3) Referee does introductions of officials, coaches, and captain(s).

4) Referee conducts pregame briefing to include discussing legal equipment and good sporting behavior with head coaches and captain(s). Also discuss team color, proper basket, other appropriate items and answer any questions.

5) Return to original positions.

(3) Introduction of Players - All five starters of the visiting team shall be introduced first followed by the five starters for the home team. Players shall not seek out the opposing coach to shake his/her hand.

i. Tournament Support Groups

(1) Competing schools must be allowed to bring a band and have a group (i.e., pom pon squad, drill team, etc.) perform at half time of their game.

(2) Half time programs may last a maximum of three minutes only per school.

j. Moving a Basketball Tournament Game

(1) If a school is able to sell all of their allotted tickets for a particular game, can guarantee additional tickets will be sold, and there are not additional tickets available from the other involved school or the host school, the game will be moved by the WIAA. In the event the game must be moved, the host school will be given the opportunity to move the game to a larger site and keep the hosting responsibilities or the new site can be given the authority to assume all hosting responsibilities. The WIAA maintains a list of gym capacities and schools have the ability to update it annually. Updates must be submitted on the hosting form.

(2) The WIAA will allow games to be moved to a central location to avoid excessive travel. All schools involved in the game will be given an opportunity to be heard. The decision to move the game will be coordinated by the WIAA.

(3) Schools have been afforded the opportunity to host games through the regional finals if they are the higher seeded team provided they can provide adequate seating.

(a) If a school hosting is unable to handle the crowd interest in a game they are hosting, the following options are available:

1) Surrender hosting rights and WIAA will assign the game to a neutral site.

2) Host at an alternate site.

- 3) Surrender finances to another school or simply work out a financial arrangement to use someone else's facility.

Note: Opponent will be required to sell their half of the ticket allotment and guarantee that sale in advance. Contact the WIAA and your opponent for assistance if these scenarios develop.

No game will be moved after noon on the day prior to it being played without both schools agreeing to the change.

k. 3-Point Challenge

Girls and boys at WIAA member schools sponsoring a basketball team, which participates in the tournament series, will be eligible to compete in the 3-point challenge if they dress for/or occupy the team bench for a varsity game.

- (1) Using a WIAA identified statistics entry program, the top two (2) players per division will be eligible for the contest based on percentage of shots made during regular season games only. A minimum of 100 3-point shots must be attempted during the regular season. Only players whose coaches enter their stats in the designated statistics entry program will be eligible for the competition.
 - (a) All statistics must be entered complete and final by: Girls - February 23 and Boys - March 2.
- (2) All 10 qualifiers will compete against each other to determine an overall champion. Each shooter will shoot one round consisting of five racks of five balls (total 25 balls).
- (3) Each made shot will count as one point. The last ball on each rack will count for two points. Each contestant will have one (1) minute to shoot as many balls as possible.
- (4) Contest will be held at the State Tournament - Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 a.m.

l. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 51 of the Senior High Handbook.

m. A designated, on-site event, appropriate health-care professional who determines an athlete should not participate, shall not be overruled.

SEEDING PROCEDURES

Seeding will be conducted electronically. All game scores, throughout the season, must be entered into the WIAA Score Center by the home team immediately following the game. **Unofficial electronic seeding will be released Week 30 (January 30) for girls and Week 31 (February 6) for boys.** Official electronic seeding and playoff brackets will be released by Week 33 (Monday, February 16) for girls and Week 34 (Monday, February 23) for boys.

a. Electronic seeding will be based on the following factors:

- (1) Opponents' winning percentage
- (2) Opponents' Opponents' winning percentage
- (3) Defeated Opponents' winning percentage
- (4) Defeated Opponents' Opponents' winning percentage

NOTE: Games played against out-of-state opponents from bordering states (MN, IL, IA, MI) will be factored into a team's own winning percentage and opponent's winning percentage. Games played against non-bordering out-of-state opponents will be counted as a .500 winning percentage and will only count in a team's own winning percentage.

b. Forfeited games will not be factored into a team's winning percentage.

c. Head to head contests will be reviewed for all consecutive seeds.

d. When a statistical seeding tie occurs among three or more teams, head to head will be reviewed among all the statistically tied teams.

4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) Game Starting Times
 - (a) Evening games should be played at 7 p.m. when possible.
 - (b) Afternoon games should be played at 1 or 1:30 p.m. when possible.
 - (c) Every attempt should be made to avoid boys and girls games from being scheduled in the same time frame on any given day.
 - (d) Saturday regional final games may not start prior to 4 p.m.

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract three officials for each tournament game.

(a) Opt outs or forfeits after WIAA has contracted officials may require school to pay for officials fees.
- (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - **\$90** per game.
- (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:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials (according to printed schedule).
 - 2) 20% of total receipts, or **\$290** whichever is greater, to host school to cover items such as lights, workers, etc., including a fee for the host school manager - **\$90** per game.
 - 3) 15% of total receipts to the WIAA. This amount is to cover administrative costs of setting up the tournament program.

- 4) The WIAA may make special financial arrangements, if necessary, with host schools which conduct tournaments in nonschool facilities. However, these arrangements must be approved in advance by the WIAA.
- (c) The balance remaining after the preceding items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:
 - Prestate
 - 1) **25%** to the host school.
 - 2) **75%** to the WIAA.
- (2) Allowance to Participating Schools
 - (a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
- (3) Regional Ticket Price (single session)
 - (a) Child/Student/Adult - \$6
 - (b) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children under 6 years of age if accompanied by a parent/guardian.
 - (c) On-Line Ticketing – Please review details regarding on-line ticketing in materials provided on WIAA website.
- (4) Ticket Allocations
 - (a) Host schools must furnish their own tickets.
 - (b) Each competing school must receive the same number of allocated tickets.
 - (c) The quantity and quality of seats allocated to the participating schools must be equal.
 - (d) If the hosting school is not playing, it may retain only 50 tickets to sell to their patrons.
 - (e) Tournament managers must allow, in fact should encourage, participating schools to have a presale in their community. Managers are authorized, however, to indicate to schools requesting a full allotment of tickets that they may be required to prepay for the tickets or return them by a designated time determined by the tournament manager.
- (5) Admission Policies

Free admissions shall be provided only for:

 - (a) Teams which are playing at a given site on a given day/night.
 - (b) A party of 22 including players, coaches, managers, etc. Maximum of 18 players in uniform.
 - (c) Eight cheerleaders. Additional cheerleaders are allowed, but must buy tickets.
 - (d) 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.
 - (e) Game officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires, along with the tournament manager and person designated as their assistant shall be admitted without charge, but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided an additional ticket for a companion.
 - (f) Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio, and television.
 - (g) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see games at no costs, the host school must purchase tickets for these persons. If host school is not playing, it may retain only 50 tickets to sell to their patrons.
 - (h) Free admissions permissible under (a), (b), (c), and (d) above are not transferable.
 - (i) Free admissions shall not be given to members of a band or persons involved in half time or between game entertainment, except the host school's band may be admitted free if it performs.

5. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition
 - (1) Game Starting Times
 - (a) **Boys** games should be played at 7 p.m. when possible.
 - (b) **Girls** games should be played at 1 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. **or 3 p.m. with WIAA approval.**
 - (c) In the event a Division 3 or Division 4 school is participating in both a sectional semifinal game and a State Tournament game on Thursday the sectional semifinal game will be moved to Wednesday evening.
- b. Officials
 - (1) The WIAA will contract three officials for each tournament game.

(a) Opt outs or forfeits after WIAA has contracted officials may require school to pay for officials fees.
 - (2) Officials will be paid according to the following schedule:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - **\$100** per game.
 - (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.
 - (2) Medals to members (18) of championship and runner-up teams.
 - (3) School may purchase additional medals for members of the championship and runner-up teams from the WIAA.

Division 2 Semifinals - 1:35 p.m.
 Division 1 Semifinals - 6:35 p.m.

3-Point Challenge - 9:30 a.m.
Division 5 Championship - 11:05 a.m.
Division 4 Championship - 15 minutes following completion of Division 5 championship game.
Division 3 Championship - 15 minutes following completion of Division 4 championship game.
Division 2 Championship - 6:35 p.m.
Division 1 Championship - 15 minutes following completion of Division 2 championship game.

- (1) The WIAA will contract three officials to work the State Tournament games.
- (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - **\$140** per game.
- (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.

- (1) Trophies to championship and runner-up teams.
- (2) Medals to members (18) of championship and runner-up teams.
- (3) Schools may purchase additional medals for members of the championship and runner-up teams from the WIAA.
- (4) Medals to participants in 3-Point Challenge.
- (5) Plaque to champion of 3-Point Challenge.

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 \$9.

- (d) Lodging at the rate of **\$35** per night for each player in uniform, plus two other persons. Schools less than fifty miles from the State Tournament city will not be reimbursed for lodging. In order to assure teams will have a place to stay at the State Tournaments, 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 be receive lodging reimbursement from the WIAA.
- (e) The WIAA will secure lodging for participating teams. If schools secure their own lodging, please notify the WIAA immediately so rooms are not double booked.

	All Seven Sessions	Single Session
(2) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket	\$77*	\$11*
Note: Special ticket sales arrangements will be made for schools with teams participating at the State Tournament.		
*On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.		
(3) Ticket Allocations		
Complete information relating to ticket allocation for the State Tournament will be provided to member schools in October via email. All State basketball tickets will be available for purchase online and the remaining tickets will be available at the door on the days of the State Tournament.		
(a) Each school may purchase in advance four all session tickets for use by administrators, coaches, students and others. After all schools have purchased additional all session, single session tickets will become available.		
Note: Schools will be able to purchase an unlimited amount of all session tickets for the girls tournament.		
(b) Combinations of all session or single session tickets will be accepted, but they can't exceed the maximum allowed per division for each session.		
Note: This provision applies only to the boys tournament.		
(c) There are no special priced tickets of any kind either for (a) students or (b) spectators of schools with teams in the State Tournament.		
(d) General Public		
Past holders of all session tickets will be allowed to retain their reserved seats or ask for improvement in seat assignment if available. New applicants will be accepted and assigned on a first come, first serve basis.		
(e) Schools participating in the State Tournament will receive specific information on ticket allocations for their students and adult spectators prior to the State Tournament.		
(4) Admission Policies		
Free admissions shall be provided for:		
(a) A party of 22, including players, coaches, managers, etc. No more than 18 players in uniform.		
(b) There is no provision for free admissions for administrators or cheerleaders.		
(c) Members of bands must purchase tickets out of the regular allotment of the school.		

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

Gymnastics (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 19 (November 10). The season ends with the State Tournament concluding on Saturday of Week 35 (March 7).

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- a. There must be practices on a minimum of 20 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 allowed meets.

5. DATE OF FIRST MEET

The first meet may not be held before Thursday, December 4.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

- a. The maximum number of meets is 14. 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 meets may be scheduled (but a meet may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools in the rescheduled event 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., Grades 6-7-8 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 who participates in both varsity and nonvarsity competition in the same meet uses only one of her maximum of 14 meets but may not enter the same events at both levels.
- b. Only students eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams may participate on an exhibition or similar 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.

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 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 (judges) are required, per event, for all varsity interscholastic competition. Two are recommended but only one is required, per event, below the varsity level.

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 GIRLS GYMNASTICS RULES and MANUAL and (b) related publications and interpretations of the National Federation with these additional provisions:

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- a. Scoring
 - (1) Team score is determined by adding the top four raw scores in each of the four individual events. (Rule 4-2-2)

- (2) Varsity and junior varsity team scores may not be added to determine a final team score.
- (3) Closed scoring will be used for all competition. (Rule 4-4-4)
- b. In situations where equipment failure occurs during warm-ups or during the meet, the equipment will be replaced or repaired if possible. If replacement or repair is impossible, the chief judge will rule to omit the event from the meet. (Rule 3-1)
- c. Apparatus, equipment failure or other interference the gymnast may stop immediately and request permission from the chief judge to continue from the point of interruption after the problem is corrected. (Rule 2-2-1b(9))
- d. Coaches will be allowed unlimited inquiries without penalty. (Rule 5-1-6)

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. All-around shall be considered as an individual event in all meets, and all-around entries shall compete in all events listed above.
 - (1) Junior varsity all-around participants must compete at the same level, in all events, to be considered for all-around scoring unless all head coaches involved agree differently.
- b. A girl may compete in both varsity and junior varsity competition in the same meet, but she may not enter the same event in both competitions.

Note: A girl who competes in both varsity and junior varsity competition on the same day is considered to have participated in one meet.
- c. A school may enter (for any of its teams) a maximum of five girls per event in dual and multischool competition. If a team does not have five entrants per event, their opponent may fill the open positions which are not to be counted towards the team total.
- d. Seeding
 - (1) Dual meets: The host school will determine if teams compete as a unit or alternate competitors.
 - (2) Meets involving three or more schools: A team must perform as a unit, after which competition will be rotated.
 - (3) A girl who is up on two events simultaneously must be moved down three positions on the second event.
- e. Schools are encouraged to conduct meets with all events running concurrently, and it is strongly recommended that regular season meets be conducted with no less than two events being run concurrently.
 - (1) When two events are run simultaneously, sessions will be determined by the host school.
- f. CD or MP3 player is permitted for floor exercise at all meets, and each school will be responsible for its own music and the mechanics thereof with the exception of the WIAA State Meet.
- g. The host school must provide a minimum of 60 minutes for warm-up stretches, bar settings, and equipment warm-ups prior to the scheduled meet starting time.
- h. For regular season meets, both duals and invitationals, where Modified Capital Cup is used if the first round of warm-ups occurs before march in, then a two-minute touch is allowed, but not required. Following the first round, each team receives a ten-minute warm-up.
- i. If a Non-Modified Capital Cup meet is held, a two-minute touch per level is allowed for each event.
- j. The official equipment for all competition will be provided by the host school. If the host school cannot provide official equipment, the visiting schools must be notified and allowed to bring official equipment if possible.

Note: Visiting schools are allowed to bring their own vaulting board to all meets with the understanding that any other competing school may also use it.
- k. Members of teams below the varsity level will not be penalized for failing to wear uniforms prescribed in the rules, provided: (1) a reasonable attempt is made to conform to the regulations and (2) participant safety is not jeopardized. The WIAA office should be informed about questionable situations.
- l. Judges may sit together as per Wisconsin judges protocol. (Rule 2-2-2, b2)
 - (1) Judges must mark independently.
 - (2) No communication with other judges unless there is a question or discrepancy concerning scores or awarding proper credit to skills.
- m. Invitationals and conference meets are required to have line judges for floor exercise.
- n. 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.
- o. Club logos, club mascots, and club name cannot be worn on the school-approved uniform. (Rule 3-3)

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 34 (February 28).
- b. By mutual agreement or conference adoption, schools may make adaptations in rules relative to (1) level of competition (compulsory or optional), (2) number of girls in any event, and (3) method of team scoring.

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.

Gymnastics (Girls)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

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

Gymnastics has a two-division tournament format. Schools sponsoring gymnastics are equally divided between Division 1 and Division 2 with the largest 50% in Division 1 and the smallest in Division 2. If there is an uneven number that school would be in Division 1.

- a. 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 **April 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:

Divisions 1 and 2 – One of five sectionals on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, February 26, 27 and 28.

- b. State Tournament

The first two teams in Division 1 sectionals (ten in all) and the first two teams in Division 2 sectionals (ten in all) along with the first five individuals in the four individual events and the first five individuals in all-around in both Divisions 1 and 2 sectionals will participate in the State Tournament on Friday and Saturday, March 6-7 at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln.

Note: A cooperative team is eligible for the WIAA team tournament series if it consists of a maximum of two schools or the combined enrollment of the cooperative team is less than the previous year's published enrollment of the largest stand-alone school in each respective division. Individuals from an ineligible cooperative team are only eligible for the WIAA individual tournament competition.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 12 - 14) 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 (2) under National Federation Allowed Adaptations does not apply, nor do a. (1) b, d, e, or i under State Association Regulations.

ADDITIONS

- a. A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 14 meets during the regular season.
- b. A school must participate in a minimum of four meets in order to be eligible for tournament assignment and competition.
- c. A tournament team will be defined to allow a school to enter a maximum of five individuals per event of which any number may be all-around performers. Team scoring will be determined by adding the top four scores from each individual event.
- d. An individual entry may score in as many as three events, and an all-around performer may score in all four events, as well as be eligible for all-around.
- e. The Friday session of the State Tournament will determine the team champions and final positions of all other teams (Divisions 1 and 2).
- f. The State Tournament will be conducted using the Olympic Rotation for the draw.
- g. The State Tournament will use the Modified Capital Cup warm-up format.
- h. The Saturday session of the State Tournament will determine the champions and final positions of all other qualifiers in the four individual events, as well as all-around. In order to participate as an individual performer, an individual must have finished among the:
First five individuals in individual events at the sectionals (Divisions 1 and 2).
In order to be eligible as an all-around performer, an individual must have finished among the:
First five individuals in all-around at the sectionals (Divisions 1 and 2).
- i. A school which qualifies a team for State may make substitutions in its entries.
- j. There is a provision permitting the replacement of a gymnast who has qualified for the individual State Tournament but is unable to compete.
 - (1) This provision is granted to the sixth place qualifier.
 - (2) There is no provision for moving up any other gymnasts if the sixth place qualifier is not available.
 - (3) Notification shall be given as early as possible so the substitute can prepare. The deadline for notification is the start (check-in) of the specific event.
- k. Sectional hosts must set up their meets on the designated WIAA online platform at least one week before the meet. Schools must complete their online entries, including gymnasts and alternates, at least five (5) days before the tournament. Teams qualifying for the state meet must verify their entries, order, and alternates by 10 a.m. on the Monday before the meet.
- l. Competing order for individuals at the state meet will be randomly drawn, with participants from the same team grouped together in a predetermined random order.
- m. Teams must be attired in school approved warm-ups and/or leotards during the State Tournament.
- n. Sectional competition shall be conducted with all four events running simultaneously, unless the WIAA office has approved an exception because of facility concerns.

- o. Schools are NOT permitted to practice at sites of tournament competition.
- p. Meet management must provide result sheets after data entry to judge and coaches after each round for verification of scores. Clerical errors may only be corrected within 24 hours of the end of the meet. (Rule 3-4-4)
- q. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook.
- r. A designated, on-site event, appropriate health-care professional who determines an athlete should not participate, shall not be overruled.

4. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

The exact time schedule is left to the prerogative of the host school manager, and participating schools will learn this information via the WIAA website < <http://www.wiaawi.org> >.

b. Hosting Tournament

- (1) Sectional hosts are required to use the WIAA alpha order draw for rotations.
- (2) Sectional hosts must use the Olympic Rotation for the draw.
- (3) The official equipment for all competition will be provided by the host school. If the host school cannot provide official equipment, the visiting schools must be notified and allowed to bring official equipment, if possible.
 - *Vault Table - full allowable range, manufactured, non-conversion table, and a safety zone mat.
 - *Beam - reflex with full allowable range.
 - *Floor - spring floor with carpet.
 - *Bars - maximum dual lock range to accommodate all gymnasts.
- (4) Sectional sites must use Modified Capital Cup format.
- (5) Sectional hosts should provide two qualified personnel line judges for floor exercise.

c. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract eight officials, including four chief judges and a meet referee with judging responsibilities.
 - (a) Opt outs or forfeits after WIAA has contracted officials may require school to pay for officials fees.
- (2) Officiating fee: \$145 meet referee and \$125 all other judges.
- (3) Officials should 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.

d. Awards

- (1) Plaques to championship teams.
- (2) Plaques to runner-up teams.
- (3) Medals to members of championship and runner-up teams (actual numbers) and first five places in individual events and first five places in all-around.
- (4) Athletes must be attired in school approved leotards.

e. Finances

- (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) A financial report on forms provided by the WIAA office shall 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 - \$520, including the manager's fee of \$135.
 - (c) If a balance remains after payments are made as stipulated above, the WIAA and the host school shall share (50-50) in this amount.
 - (d) If there are insufficient receipts for a school to realize the \$520 indicated in b. above, the WIAA will subsidize the difference.
- (2) Participating Schools Allowance

There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
- (3) Ticket Prices
 - (a) Child/Student/Adult - \$7
- (4) Admission Policies

Free admissions will be provided for:

 - (a) A party of 15 including gymnasts, alternates, coaches, managers, etc.
 - (b) There is no provision for free admissions for cheerleaders.

5. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Schedule of Competition (Times Are Approximated)

Wednesday, March 4

6 p.m.

Virtual Coaches Meeting

Friday, March 6 – Team Competition (Division 1 and 2)

10:30 a.m.	Building opens
10:45 a.m.	Judges meeting
11-11:30 a.m.	General stretching and bar settings
11 a.m.	Facility opens for spectators
11:30-11:45 a.m.	All gymnasts gather in balcony for march in preparation
11:45 a.m.	March in (Note: Athletes must be attired in school-approved warm-ups and/or leotards).
12:00 p.m.	Competition begins

Saturday, March 7 – Individual Competition (Division 1 and 2)

8:30 a.m.	Building opens
9 -9:30 a.m.	General stretching and bar setting
9 a.m.	Facility opens for spectators
9:15 a.m.	All gymnasts gather in balcony for march in preparation
9:30 a.m.	March in (Note: Athletes must be attired in school-approved warm-ups and/or leotards).
10 a.m.	Competition begins

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA office will contract 24 judges (three per event), and a nonjudging meet referee, to officiate at the State Meet.
- (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - **\$225**
 - (b) Meet Referee - **\$280**
 - (c) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (d) Necessary meals and lodging.
 - (e) Officials shall travel in one car whenever practical.

c. Awards

- (1) Trophies to championship and runner-up teams.
- (2) Medals to members (actual number) of championship and runner-up teams and first six individuals in each event.
- (3) Athletes must be attired in school approved leotards.

d. Finances

(1) Participating Schools Allowance

Schools will receive an allowance for their State Meet 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 State Tournament city.

- (b) An allowance of **\$60** for each actual participant, plus one other person.

(2) Host School Allowance

- (a) The host school shall receive reimbursement in full for approved fixed expenses in connection with the meet.
- (b) The WIAA will pay the fees and expenses of the judges, including the meet referee.

(3) Ticket Prices

Child/Student/Adult

Single Session Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket..... \$9*

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

(4) Admission Policies

Free admissions will be provided for:

- (a) Team competition – a party of 15 including gymnasts, alternates, coaches, managers, etc.
- (b) Individual competition – actual competitors, plus three coaches.
- (c) There is no provision for free admissions for cheerleaders or administrators.

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

Hockey

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 19 (November 10). The season ends with the State Tournament concluding on the Saturday of Week 35 (March 7).

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- a. There must be practices on a minimum of ten different days before the first competition may be conducted.
- b. The first seven 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 individual 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

- 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) Seven different days of practice have elapsed.
 - (2) There is no loss of academic class time.
 - (3) It is prior to any school involved playing their first game in the WIAA tournament series.
 - (4) There is no score in a book, or on a scoreboard.
 - (5) A format other than three 17-minute periods is used.
- b. Each high school team, i.e., varsity, JV, sophomore, freshman, is allowed one scrimmage.
- c. 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.
- d. A scrimmage does not count in a team's win/loss record.
- e. Any other interschool scrimmage counts toward the maximum allowed games except there may be two "shared ice" exposures provided each team involved does not intermingle with the other team (remains on its half of the ice).

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 Friday, November 21.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED GAMES

- The maximum number of games is 24.** 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.
- No game may be scheduled (but a game may be rescheduled if postponed) after either of the schools involved in the rescheduled event has begun WIAA tournament series play.
- The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed games.
- 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 may be a member of two different school level teams in the same calendar week. When a student plays in two different levels of competition on the same day, (e.g., JV/varsity) they may not participate in more than five periods in any single day. In such cases, it is the responsibility of a coach to be particularly concerned about overexposing students to the point of adversely affecting their health and safety. It is highly recommended that coaches who use players at more than one level of competition document the number of periods played for each individual.

Note: In an emergency situation, where a team's goaltender(s) are unable to continue due to injury, illness, or other unforeseen circumstances, a substitute goaltender may be permitted to enter the game regardless of the day's previous participation limits (player may exceed 5 period limit).

- 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 AND INELIGIBLE ATHLETES

- 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.
- 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 GAME SITE

Member schools are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from scheduling practices for purposes of regional, 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).
- It is the responsibility of schools to eliminate pranks and/or mischief such as throwing objects onto the ice, or any other activity involving destruction and/or theft of game equipment and materials (season and WIAA tournament series).
- 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 WIAA licensed officials (two referees and one linesman) are required for all interscholastic competition.
- It is recommended that licensed officials be contracted as goal judges.

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

For all contests 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

- Oxygen administered by mechanical means for recuperative purposes is not permitted.
 - 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 ICE HOCKEY RULES and (b) related publications and interpretations of the National Federation with these additional provisions:

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- There is no limit to squad size and no limit on nonplayers in the team box during the regular season.
- Any player receiving a total of four penalties (minor, major, or misconduct) in a game shall be removed from participation for the balance of that game. This does not include bench penalties served by the player or violations resulting in penalty shots. The ejection is not considered a game misconduct or game disqualification.

- c. Players ejected for any reason are to remain on their team bench under the supervision of their coach. If off bench, adult, school personnel must be provided.
- d. Game disqualification penalties will be applied from the end of one season to the beginning of the next season of varsity sports the player is involved in.
- e. If at any time, starting in the second period, when a team is leading by six goals, the clock shall run continuously except for:
 - (1) When a goal is scored.
 - (2) When a penalty is assessed.
 - (3) An injury.
 - (4) A timeout.
 - (5) Any emergency situation requiring repairs to the ice, Plexiglas, lights, scoreboard, etc., (not to include player equipment other than goalies).
If a penalty terminates during a stoppage of play in a running clock situation, the player serving the penalty will not be allowed to return to the ice until play resumes following that stoppage of play.
- f. Overtime procedures for regular season games are as follows:
 - (1) A three-minute rest period.
 - (2) An eight-minute five (5) on five (5) overtime sudden victory period.
 - (3) If still tied, a three-minute rest period, followed by a five-minute three (3) on three (3) sudden victory period.
 - (4) If still tied, the contest ends in a tie and is to be listed as a tie on a team's season record.
 - (5) An alternate tie-breaking procedure may be determined in addition to the procedures identified above by the host school. However, any hockey game where an alternate tie-breaking procedure is used (not including a sudden-victory during an eight-minute overtime period or a sudden-victory during a five-minute three (3) on three (3) period) is to be listed as a tie on a team's season record.
- g. Following the assessment of the third set of coincident minor penalties for infractions occurring between two opposing players, after a stoppage of play for "chippy conduct" the Referee will inform both teams. Any further infractions of this type will result in automatic misconduct penalties being assessed (coincidental minor shall not be assessed in these situations). Some examples of these types of "chippy" penalties occurring after a stoppage of play are: roughing, head contact, unsportsmanlike conduct, avoidable contact after stoppage, slashing, high sticking, and cross checking.
- h. A game disqualification penalty issued for fighting shall result in a three game suspension for the player(s) assessed the penalty.**

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. Schools are to play 17-minute periods for all regular season and tournament series games.
- b. A 12-minute warm-up and a 12-minute intermission must be used unless extenuating circumstances (senior night, parents night, local youth program, etc.) are indicated to the officials and visiting team.
- c. All school-aged, team attendants (managers, student trainers, statisticians, etc.) are required to wear an ice hockey helmet with full facemask and chin straps which are securely fastened to the head, when in exposed team areas.
- d. It is required that all facilities (indoor and outdoor) have a screen or Plexiglas beginning at the top of the side and endboards and to a height adequate to (a) protect spectators at rink side from the puck and sticks and (b) prevent spectators from leaning over the boards and interfering with play. A screen shall be of heavy enough wire and small enough mesh to ensure that it will stop the puck and not allow it to become lodged in the screen. This screen or Plexiglas shall completely encircle the rink except for the player and penalty bench area.
- e. The referees' duties shall include certification of the official scoresheet by their signatures and official's number.
- f. Members of teams below the varsity level will not be penalized for failing to wear uniforms prescribed in the rules provided: 1) a reasonable attempt is made to conform to the regulations and 2) participant safety is not jeopardized. The WIAA office should be informed about questionable situations.
- g. Any school whose players, during the regular season, collectively receive a total of three or more game disqualifications over two or more games, or four game disqualifications during the same game, 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 game disqualifications received during the tournament series.
- h. JV ice hockey players and their JV teams will be suspended at the conclusion of any game/tournament when the second game disqualification penalty of the year is assessed. The suspension will continue until a review by the WIAA office determines the JV team can be allowed to compete.
- i. Coaches must report DQs to their school administration within 48 hours following a contest where a DQ penalty was assessed to their school's hockey team. School administrators must then report the DQ to the WIAA office via written communication within three (3) school days following the contest where the DQ penalty was assessed. This written communication must also include a plan of action to prevent future Game Disqualification penalties by their school team. Officials will continue to provide electronic reports to the WIAA office.

STATE ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. At the discretion of home management, cheerleaders may be permitted to lead cheers from on the ice. They must be limited to before the game and between periods only. They are not to be allowed on the ice:
 - (1) During a period.
 - (2) Between periods when players are on the ice.
 - (3) After the contest.

16. NON-VARSITY TEAMS WITH ONLY GRADE 9 STUDENTS

The season ends on Saturday of Week 35 (March 7).

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.

Hockey

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS.

- a. 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 **April 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. Boys Tournament Assignments – Two Divisions
Smallest 32 enrollments will be Division 2. Remaining teams are Division 1. Schools are assigned to one of four sectionals in each division.
- b. Girls Tournament Assignments
Schools are assigned to one of four sectionals.
- c. All regional games are scheduled for either Tuesday, February 17, Thursday, February 19 or Friday, February 20.
- d. Sectional semifinal games will be played on Tuesday, February 24.
- e. Sectional final games will be played on Friday, February 27 or Saturday, February 28.
- f. Each sectional will be seeded by the coaches in that sectional.
 - (1) The highest seeded teams will host through the Sectional semifinals. Highest seeded team will host provided their facility can accommodate spectator interest. Highest seeded team may select an alternate site, or may relinquish the right to host to the next highest seeded team. Highest seeded team will be considered the home team for last line change purposes.
 - (2) Final approval of all sites will rest with the WIAA.
 - (3) Sectional final games will be held at sites predetermined by the WIAA.

Note: The time schedule and game assignments can be found on the WIAA Hockey website. Details regarding the seeding process, can be found on the WIAA website.
- g. State
 - (1) The State Tournament involving four Division 1 sectional winners and four Division 2 sectional winners (boys) and four sectional winners (girls) will be played on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 5-6-7 at **Bob Suter's Capitol Ice Arena, Middleton**.
 - (2) The schedule of games is semifinals on Thursday and Friday, and finals on Saturday.
 - (3) Seeding the State Tournament
The four Division 1 and four Division 2 State Tournament qualifying boys teams and the four State Tournament qualifying girls teams will be placed in rank order. The qualifying coaches will conduct a State qualifiers video meeting on Sunday morning prior to the State Tournament to place and draw the teams in the State Tournament brackets. The procedures used for regional seed meetings will be used and WIAA staff will conduct the meeting.
All eight boy's coaches will participate in seeding both divisions of the State Meet.

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 game.

EXCEPTIONS

- a. The maximum number of participants for each tournament game is 22 in uniforms. Each participating school will be allowed a maximum of 22 players in full uniform for each tournament game, with a maximum of two (2) high school student managers.
- b. 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 squad make-up from one tournament game to the next.
 - (2) A school is expected to provide the manager at each tournament level, by a date designated by the manager, with a list of its participants for purposes of publicity, programs, etc.
 - (3) A school may have no more than four nonplayer personnel on the bench, plus one additional medical personnel for a total of five nonplayer personnel on the bench.
- c. 15 a. under NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS does not apply.

ADDITIONS

- a. A school must play 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 twenty-four games during the regular season.
- b. Any school whose players, during the regular season, collectively receive a total of three or more game disqualifications over two or more games, or four game disqualifications during the same game, 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 game disqualifications received during the tournament series.
- c. The following procedure shall be used in games tied after regulation play:
 - (1) Teams remain in the bench areas.

- (2) A three-minute rest period.
- (3) Teams switch ends prior to the start of each overtime period.
- (4) An eight-minute 5 vs. 5 sudden victory overtime period will be played (unless penalty from previous period carries over).
- (5) If still tied, the ice will be resurfaced, followed by a second 8-minute sudden victory overtime period (unless penalty from previous period carries over).
- (6) If still tied, a 3-minute rest period, followed by 5-minute 4 v 4 sudden victory period with goalies switching ends.
- (7) If still tied, a 3-minute rest period, followed by a 5 minute 3 v 3 sudden victory period with goalies switching ends.
- (8) If still tied, the ice will be resurfaced during a twelve-minute rest period followed by a seventeen-minute (17) three (3) on three (3) sudden victory period with goalies switching ends.
- (9) If still tied, the overtime procedure found in #8 above will be repeated until a team has scored a goal with goalies switching ends for each overtime period.
- (10) Note: During overtime play during the WIAA tournament series, the ice will be resurfaced after the first eight-minute overtime period, after the five-minute three (3) on three (3) overtime period, and after any seventeen-minute (17) three (3) on (3) periods.
- d. Home Team
 - (1) For the entire tournament series (regional, sectional and State games) the highest seeded team will be the home team, will **wear white** uniforms and have the last line change.
- e. 15 d. under STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS does not apply.
- f. All regular season tournament alternate tie-breaking procedures (not including a sudden-victory during an eight-minute NFHS overtime period) used are to be listed as a tie on a team's season record.
- g. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook.
- h. A designated, on-site event, appropriate health-care professional who determines an athlete should not participate, shall not be overruled.

SEEDING PROCEDURES

- a. Before the Seeding Meeting
 - (1) Seeding meetings will be conducted on Sunday, February 8.
 - (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 games played after form was submitted.
 - (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 (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.).
 - (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.

4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) Games are scheduled for either Tuesday, February 17, Thursday, February 19 or Friday, February 20.
 - (a) The highest seeded team will host provided their facility can accommodate spectator interest.
 - (b) The highest seeded team may select an alternate site or relinquish the right to host to the next highest seeded team.
 - (c) The highest seeded team will be considered the home team for last line change purposes.
- (2) Final approval of all WIAA tournament sites will rest with the WIAA.
- (3) Game times will be set at the discretion of the host school manager who is instructed to keep in mind such factors as travel for competing schools, etc.

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract three officials to work each game. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school. Host schools will be reimbursed by the WIAA for fees and expenses of assigned officials. If the date of the regional game is changed and the contracted officials are not available due to the change, it is the responsibility of the schools to find new officials. WIAA will reimburse for the three officials working the game.

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

- (2) Goal judges are not to be used.
- (3) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - **\$90** per game; Linesman **\$80** 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

None.

d. Finances

(1) Host School Allowance

- (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting a game.
- (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) 20% of total receipts or **\$290** whichever is greater to host school to cover items such as lights, workers, etc., including a fee for host school manager. The fee for managers is **\$90** per game.
- 3) The WIAA will reimburse host schools actual costs for ice rental not to exceed \$400.**
- (c) The balance remaining after the above items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:
 - 1) **25%** to host school.
 - 2) **75%** to WIAA.

- (2) Participating School Allowance
None.
- (3) Ticket Prices
One game session. Child/Student/Adult \$6
Note: Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children 6 years of age and under, if accompanied by parents.
- (4) Ticket Allocations
 - (a) Host schools must furnish their own tickets.
 - (b) Each competing school must receive the same number of allocated tickets.
 - (c) The quantity and quality of seats allocated to the participating schools must be equal.
 - (d) If the host school is not playing, it may retain only 50 tickets to sell to their patrons.
 - (e) Tournament managers must allow, in fact should encourage, participating schools to have a presale in their community. Managers are authorized, however, to indicate to schools requesting a full allotment of tickets that they may be required to prepay for the tickets or return them by a designated time determined by the tournament manager.
- (5) Admission Policies
Free admissions shall be provided only for:
 - (a) Teams which are playing at a given site on a given day/night.
 - (b) A party of 28 including players, (4) coaches, (2) high school student managers, etc. Maximum of 22 players in uniform.
 - (c) Six cheerleaders. Additional cheerleaders are allowed, but must buy tickets.
 - (d) 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 Hockey 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.
 - (e) Game officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires, along with the tournament manager and person designated as their assistant shall be admitted without charge, but must be properly identified by means of a shirt, sweater, vest, badge, etc. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided an additional ticket for a companion. Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio, and television.
 - (f) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see games at no costs, the host school must purchase tickets for these persons.
 - (g) Free admissions permissible under (a), (b), (c), and (d) above are not transferable.
 - (h) Free admissions shall not be given to members of a band, except the host school's band may be admitted free if it performs.
- (6) Miscellaneous
Practice Sessions – Host schools may not allow participating schools to practice on their facilities prior to their tournament.

5. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition
 - (1) Semifinal games will be played on Tuesday, February 24.
 - (a) The highest seeded team will host provided their facility can accommodate spectator interest.
 - (b) The highest seeded team may select an alternate site or relinquish the right to host to the next highest seeded team.
 - (c) Final approval of all WIAA tournament sites will rest with the WIAA.
 - (d) The highest seeded team will be considered the home team for last line change purposes.
 - (2) Sectional final games will be played on Friday, February 27 or Saturday, February 28 at sites predetermined by the WIAA.
 - (3) Game times will be set at the discretion of the host school manager who is instructed to keep in mind such factors as travel for competing schools, etc.
 - (4) The highest seeded team will be considered the home team for last line change purposes.
- b. Officials
 - (1) The WIAA will contract three officials to work each game. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school. Host schools will be reimbursed by the WIAA for fees and expenses of assigned officials. If the date of the sectional game is changed and the contracted officials are not available due to the change, it is the responsibility of the schools to find new officials. WIAA will reimburse for the three officials working the game.
(a) Opt outs or forfeits after WIAA has contracted officials may require school to pay for officials fees.
 - (2) Goal judges shall be used for all sectional final games. Sectional final host schools will select and issue contracts to two WIAA licensed hockey officials to serve as goal judges. (Sectional Finals Only).
 - (3) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - **\$100** per game; Linesman **\$85** 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.
 - (d) Goal Judges (sectional final only) - **\$50** per game.
- c. Awards
 - (1) Plaques to championship teams and runner up teams (boys and girls).
 - (2) Medals to members (22) of championship and runner-up teams.
- d. Finances

- (1) Host School Allowance
 - (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting a game.
 - (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials.
 - 2) 20% of total receipts or **\$290** whichever is greater to host school to cover items such as lights, workers, etc., including a fee for host school manager. The fee for managers is **\$90** per game.
 - 3) The WIAA will reimburse host schools actual costs for ice rental not to exceed \$400.**
 - 4) The balance remaining after the above items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:
 - a) **25%** to host school.
 - b) **75%** to WIAA.
- (2) Participating School Allowance
There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
- (3) Ticket Prices
One game session Child/Student/Adult \$7
Note: Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, single admission tickets for \$1 for children 6 years of age and under, if accompanied by parents.
- (4) Ticket Allocations
 - (a) Host schools must furnish their own tickets.
 - (b) Each competing school must receive the same number of allocated tickets.
 - (c) The quantity and quality of seats allocated to the participating schools must be equal.
 - (d) If the host school is not playing, it may retain only 50 tickets to sell to their patrons.
 - (e) Tournament managers must allow, in fact should encourage, participating schools to have a presale in their community. Managers are authorized, however, to indicate to schools requesting a full allotment of tickets that they may be required to prepay for the tickets or return them by a designated time determined by the tournament manager.
- (5) Admission Policies
Free admissions shall be provided only for:
 - (a) Teams which are playing at a given site on a given day/night.
 - (b) A party of 28 including players, (4) coaches, (2) high school student managers, etc. Maximum of 22 players in uniform.
 - (c) Six cheerleaders. Additional cheerleaders are allowed, but must buy tickets.
 - (d) 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 Hockey 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.
 - (e) Game officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires, along with the tournament manager and person designated as their assistant shall be admitted without charge, but must be properly identified by means of a shirt, sweater, vest, badge, etc. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided an additional ticket for a companion. Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio, and television.
 - (f) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see games at no costs, the host school must purchase tickets for these persons.
 - (g) Free admissions permissible under (a), (b), (c), and (d) above are not transferable.
 - (h) Free admissions shall not be given to members of a band, except the host school's band may be admitted free if it performs.
- (6) Miscellaneous
Practice Sessions – Host schools may not allow participating schools to practice on their facilities prior to their tournament.

6. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) This is the schedule of games for the State Tournament (tentative):

Thursday, March 5 (Boys Division 2 Semifinals)

Game 1 – 9:30 a.m. – #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed

Game 2 – 1:30 p.m. – #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Thursday, March 5 (Girls Semifinals)

Game 3 – 4:30 p.m. – #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed

Game 4 – 7:30 p.m. – #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Friday, March 6 (Boys Division 1 Semifinals)

Game 5 – 10 a.m. – #1 Seed vs. #4 Seed

Game 6 – 2 p.m. – #2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Saturday, March 7

Game 7 – 11 a.m. – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 (Boys Division 2 Championship)

Game 8 – 3 p.m. – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 (Girls Championship)

Game 9 – 7 p.m. – Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6 (Boys Division 1 Championship)

b. Seeding Procedures

(1) The Seeding Meeting

- (a) Coaches of the State qualifying teams will meet at a date and time identified by the WIAA following completion of sectionals.
- (b) In boy's hockey, all eight Division 1 and Division 2 coaches will meet together to seed the four teams in each division.
- (c) In girls' hockey, all four coaches will meet together to seed the four teams.

(2) At the Seeding Meeting (see seeding procedures, pages 22 and 23).

c. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract the officials.

(2) Officials will be paid:

- (a) Officiating Fee - **\$140**; Video Replay Official - **\$50** per game
- (b) Expenses - 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.

d. Awards

- (1) Trophies to championship and runner-up teams.
- (2) Medals to members (22) of championship and runner-up teams.

e. Finances

(1) Participating School 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 **\$2.00** per mile.
- (b) No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament city. Special consideration may be given to other commuting schools.
- (c) Meals at the day 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 **\$9**.
- (d) Lodging at the rate of **\$35** per night for each player in uniform, plus two other persons. Schools less than fifty miles from Madison will not be reimbursed for lodging.

(2) Ticket Prices

Single Game Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket. \$11*

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

(3) Admission Policies

Free admissions will be provided only for:

- (a) A party of 29, including a maximum of 22 players, four coaches, managers (maximum of two high school student managers) and one medical personnel.
- (b) There is no provision for free admissions for bands or cheerleaders. Members of bands or cheerleaders must purchase tickets.
- (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.

(4) Miscellaneous

(a) Practice Session

Schools participating in the State Tournament may practice at the Alliant Energy Center on Wednesday prior to the tournament.

f. Use of Video Replay at the State Boys' and Girls' Hockey Tournaments

(1) Procedure

- (a) A Video Replay Official will be located in a secluded area.
- (b) Any review of a goal scored will take place prior to the next start of play.
- (c) The review of a potential goal will take place at the next stoppage of play. A shot on net – ruled by an on-ice official during play as a non-goal – that is reviewed at the next stoppage of play and is subsequently determined to be a goal will have the following effect on the game:
 - 1) All penalties called between the time that the shot was taken on net and the next stoppage of play will be served. If a goal was scored at the other end of the ice between the time that the shot was taken on net and the next stoppage of play, it will be disallowed. Time will be put back on the scoreboard to reflect the exact time the goal was scored.
- (d) When a play is to be reviewed, the public address announcer will say: "A play is under video review."
- (e) During the period of video review, all replays of the goal or potential goal will not be shown in the building. A maximum of two minutes

will be allowed for the video review.

- (f) When the Video Replay Official makes a decision, an on-ice official will indicate the decision by pointing to the center-ice face-off spot (if a goal) or giving the wash-out signal (if no goal).
- (2) General Information
 - (a) Both the on-ice officials and the Video Replay Official will have the prerogative to decide to review goals or potential goals. Coaches may discuss goal and/or time situations with the on-ice officials.
 - (b) One of the following criteria must be met for video replay to be used:
 - 1) A puck crossing the goal line;
 - 2) A puck in the net before the goal frame is dislodged;
 - 3) A puck in the net before or after expiration of time at the end of a period;
 - 4) A puck directed into the net by hand, skate or other illegal means;
 - 5) A puck deflected into the net by an official;
 - 6) A puck hit into the net by a high stick;
 - 7) To determine if a goal was scored by the attacking team as the direct result of a hand pass or high stick initiated or completed within the privileged area, or played by any other illegal means;
 - 8) To determine if an attacking player in the goal crease physically or visually prevented the goalkeeper from defending the goal when the puck entered the goal cage;
 - 9) To establish the correct time on the clock;
 - 10) To determine if a goal was scored as a direct result of the puck deflecting off the protective netting above the glass, by the first team to gain possession of the deflected puck.
 - (c) The Video Replay Official must determine that the video reviewed is conclusive. In the event that video cannot be used for review purposes, or if the Video Replay Official decides that the available video is inconclusive, the on-ice officials will make the final determination.

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

Swimming & Diving (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 the Monday of Week 20 (November 17). The season ends with the State Meet concluding on Saturday of Week 33 (February 21).

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

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 Tuesday, November 25.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

- a. The maximum number of meets is 15 if one meet is an alumni meet. 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. A school may schedule meets consisting only of diving competition (in addition to those in 6. a.), but students who participate in such meets come under restrictions of Individual Participation Limitations (No. 7).
- d. No meet may continue more than two days.
- e. 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.
- f. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed meets.
- g. 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.
- h. 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 15 meets. A student who participates on the same day on both the varsity and nonvarsity teams uses only one of the 15 meets, but may not enter the same events at both levels and may not exceed individual participation limitations.
- b. A competitor shall be permitted to enter a maximum of four events, no more than two of which may be individual events. A swimmer could compete in three relays and one individual event.
Note: In a meet consisting of only relays, a competitor shall be permitted to enter a maximum of four events.
Note: A pentathlon meet will count as one meet and the four event rule is waived for this type of meet.
- 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 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 MEET SITE

Schools are prohibited during the regular season and the WIAA tournament series from practicing for 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 (referee and starter) are required for all levels of 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 SWIMMING, DIVING AND WATER POLO RULES and (b) related publications and interpretations of the National Federation with these additional provisions:

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- a. Exhibition
 - (1) There must be prior written mutual agreement among the involved schools. This must be facilitated prior to the day of the meet.
 - (2) Officials should be informed that the meet will include exhibition performances and in what events. The notification should be prior to the day of the meet.
 - (3) The number of individual exhibition entries in an event should not exceed the maximum allowed for the meet. If a school is allowed three entries per individual event, the maximum allowed for exhibition is three.
 - (4) Exhibition performances should not adversely affect the length of the meet (Rule 3-2-1-a).
- b. For competing without submitting an entry card (sign-up) sheet, the competitor or relay team shall be disqualified from that event only. Other legally entered competitors or relay teams from that same school shall not be penalized (Rule 3-2 Pen.).
- c. In dual meets, the entries for the varsity event become official and no changes will be allowed upon the start of the JV event which precedes it. Coaches and officials may elect to use another system if agreed to prior to the start of competition (Rule 3-2-3).
- d. When a heat is missing a contestant, the meet referee will hold that heat until the situation can be resolved. The involved contestant must be charged with a false start for delay of the meet for that event, but shall be allowed further competition in the meet (Rule 3-2-4).
- e. The Length of Events may be modified for nonvarsity competition and invitational meets (Rule 5-1-1).
- f. In all meets (championship and nonchampionship) there must be dual confirmation of a false start by the referee and starter before a school swimmer or relay team is disqualified (Rule 8-1-3, Penalty 2).
- g. In all championship meets having at least three officials, there must be dual confirmation of relay takeoffs before a school swimmer or relay team is disqualified (Rule 4-6).
- h. Diving Competition (Rule 9-1-1)
 - (1) Diving competition will be conducted on one meter boards only.
 - (2) If a host school cannot conduct diving competition because of water depth, the following options are available:
 - (a) With prior mutual consent, conduct diving at an alternate site and add diving points to total meet score.
 - (b) No diving competition – points are lost to the meet. Total team score from 11 swimming events only. Note: A break of at least 15 minutes, including at least 10 minutes in water, must be taken during the normal diving event unless there is mutual agreement of all involved schools to shorten.
 - (3) If a host school can conduct diving, but is competing with schools which do not sponsor diving because of illegal facilities, the conference (if a conference meet) or the meet contract (if a nonconference meet) shall determine if diving will be scored. If diving is not conducted, the length of the break needs to be determined.
 - (4) If a school, however, has a legal facility but is not sponsoring diving because of lack of a coach or athletes, diving must be conducted in meets with schools sponsoring diving and appropriate points for diving forfeited to opponent(s).

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. Feet first entry shall be required every time an individual enters a swimming pool with the exception of supervised situations such as starting a race, practice starts, and practice dives.
- b. All coaches shall review with their swimmers and parents the dangers associated with a head first entry into a swimming pool.
- c. Prior to competition, warm-up procedures are required to have one-way sprint starts only. Swimmers start at one end and exit at the opposite end of the pool.
- d. Prior to the visiting school beginning their warm-ups, there will be a meeting that includes an official (if available), head coaches from each team and the captains from each team to review the warm-up procedure, pool environment, water-depth at both ends, uniform rules, starting blocks, lane selection, emergency procedures, conference rule differences, lifeguard issues and other pertinent issues.
- e. During competition, athletes shall not perform the pike dive (scoop or hole in the water) forward start. The penalty for the first violation shall result in disqualification of the swimmer from that event. A second violation in the same meet shall result in the swimmer being disqualified from the remainder of the meet, but not the next meet. The swimmer is deemed to have violated this rule if he/she leaps higher into the air than would be the case in the traditional flat racing start and bends at the hips at the peak of the dive and enters the water with the body inclined at any angle greater than 45 degrees with relation to the surface of the water. Dual confirmation is not required as this will be considered an illegal start (violation) rather than a false start.
- f. During competitive meets (swimming and diving) there shall be a lifeguard (minimum age of 16) on duty before the visiting team may enter the pool or diving well and until the last member of the visiting team leaves the pool/well. The lifeguard shall be someone who is not responsible for any other duties during this time frame.
- g. Starting platforms shall be removed, covered, or otherwise rendered unusable for entries into water of any depth when there are no lifeguards on duty to supervise the proper use of the platforms.
- h. Meet contracts shall specify depth of water in the starting end and height of starting blocks.
- i. During championship meets, the pool shall be closed during the coaches meeting.
- j. Schools shall be knowledgeable of the current state code regarding public swimming pools found in Chapter HFS 172 and available from their local county health department.
- k. Number of Diving Entries

The maximum allowed number of divers in a dual meet is limited to the same number of entries allowed for swimming. In four-lane pools, maximum of eight (four varsity and four JV) divers for both teams with a maximum of six divers allowed if only one team sponsors diving. In a six-lane pool, maximum of 12 divers for both teams or nine divers for one team. In an eight-lane pool, a maximum of 16 divers for both teams or 12 divers for one team.

- I. Meet Committee
 - (1) All championship meets should appoint a meet committee consisting of referee, starter, meet manager and two coaches, not from the same school or host school.
 - (2) Their responsibilities are to rule on situations not covered by rules.
 - (3) Their jurisdiction does not extend to questions arising out of the actual conduct of competition.
 - (4) Responsibility for enforcing and interpreting rules governing conduct of competition rests with the meet referee.
- m. 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.
- n. All competitors, once officially entered, must compete in all heats and rounds of competition (excluding swim-offs) for which they entered except:
 - (1) With a declared false start.
 - (2) When illness or injury certified by a physician or the referee forces a competitor to withdraw.
 - (3) In both situations, the event counts as an entry withdrawn and no replacement is allowed.
 - (4) A competitor who withdraws because of injury or illness may be reinstated by the referee or a physician at any time.

STATE ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. It is recommended that all meets follow WIAA tournament procedures.
- b. Relay Takeoff Judging

The rule requiring dual confirmation of a relay takeoff violation in a dual or championship meet presumes that qualified takeoff judges are available. The referee has the responsibility for assigning duties and delegating responsibilities depending on circumstances. If a referee feels a relay takeoff judge(s) is not qualified, their call may be considered as a recommendation or advisory only. Thus, a disqualification can be determined without dual confirmation. Coaches should be informed of this decision by the referee before competition begins.
- c. Pool Coverage for Officials

The recommended pool coverage for a dual meet, given the typical facility and two deck officials, is as follows: a) The referee and starter may equally divide the number of lanes with each official being responsible for an equal number of lanes nearest their side of the pool, and b) when the field of swimmers spreads out, the referee may adjust coverage so that each official is responsible for one end of the pool. Officials will then handle stroke and turn duties for participants nearest their end of the pool.
- d. Oil-based lotions may be applied in a designated area only.

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 32 (February 14).
- b. A student is limited to participating in three events, but no more than two may be individual events.

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.

Swimming & Diving (Boys)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

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

- The largest 60% of schools sponsoring swimming & diving are in Division 1 with the remaining 40% of schools in 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 **April 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.

- Schools are assigned to:
 - Division 1 – One of five diving sectionals as assigned on Friday, February 13.
– One of six swimming sectionals on Saturday, February 14.
 - Division 2 – One of five diving sectionals as assigned on Friday, February 13.
– One of four swimming sectionals on Saturday, February 14.
 - Assignments of teams to tournaments and host schools for those tournaments will be posted on the WIAA website (wiaawi.org).
Note: Individual and team scores for diving will count for assigned sectional swimming scores.
- State Meet
 - The State Meet will be held on Friday, February 20 (Division 2) and Saturday, February 21 (Division 1) at Waukesha South H.S.
 - Participating in the State Meet will be:
 - Swimming
 - Winners of each event at each sectional.
 - Next 18 (Division 1) and 12 (Division 2) fastest individuals/relay teams (not including sectional winners) from all sectionals.
 - Diving
 - Winners at each sectional.
 - Next 18 (Division 1) and 12 (Division 2) best individuals (not including sectional winners) from all sectionals.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 28-31) 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. b. and c. under National Federation Allowed Adaptations do not apply.

ADDITIONS

- A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 15 meets or less than four school meets during the regular season.
- A school may enter a maximum of:
 - (1) One entry in each relay event.**
 - Eighteen individual event entries for the other nine events (including diving).
 - (3) A school not using all eligible entries may not fill these spots after the noon Tuesday entry deadline.**
- Schools are prohibited during the WIAA tournament series from practicing at sites and facilities hosting WIAA contests.
- Individuals must compete in four (4) school meets during the regular season to be eligible for the WIAA tournament series.**
- A diver must have participated in a minimum of four school meets during the current season before he is eligible for entry into sectional diving competition. At least two of the required four meets must have had a championship format of 11 dives.
Note: Exhibition performances will count if verified by a signed official diving form.
- Entry Forms
 - Schools will submit entries electronically to Swim Cloud.
 - For relays, schools need to list a seed time and entries including up to four (4) alternates.
 - Entries must be received by Swim Cloud **no later than noon the Tuesday** of sectional week (February 10).
 - Schools submitting team entries after the deadline date or time will be permitted to compete, but will not receive consideration for seeds, lanes, heats, sections, etc.
 - Omitted entries may be added to the sectional entry list. (The deadline for adding omitted athletes or relay teams is the conclusion of the coaches meeting conducted prior to the start of the Sectional 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:
 - 18 individuals entries has not been met.
 - Cannot replace a previously entered athlete.

- (c) Relay team was omitted
- (d) Athletes may not be switched from one event to another.
- (6) A team that enters more than 18 entries must scratch any individual who is entered incorrectly (i.e., more than four total events, more than two individual events, etc.).
- (7) 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 Diving, 200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle, 50 Freestyle, and 400 Freestyle Relay. John Smith will automatically be scratched from the 50 Freestyle.
- g. Sectional Seeds
 - (1) Relay seed times should consist of the actual best achieved time of the students listed, not the fastest season relay time. Coaches should estimate if necessary.
 - (2) Times from the current school year must be submitted in hundredths.
 - (3) Times for individual events must be from that individual event. Splits from relays will be accepted only from a leadoff swimmer.
 - (4) Times recorded by a swimmer who was disqualified from a race are not acceptable.
 - (5) Exhibition performances will be accepted if verified by signed official meet results.
 - (6) Times will be accepted from either yard or metric pools.
 - (7) All times must be submitted in English yard times (either actual or converted from metric).
- h. Substitutions and Scratches
 - (1) All substitutions and scratches must be provided in writing to the meet manager 10 minutes prior to the coaches meeting. Substitutions will be allowed for illness, injury, or for reasons of school discipline.
 - (2) Individual(s) involved in substitutions will not be reseeded, but must assume heat and lane assignments of original entries.
 - (3) A school not using all eligible entries may not fill these spots after the noon Tuesday entry deadline.
 - (4) Schools may not make a substitution in an event not originally entered after the noon Tuesday entry deadline.
 Note: If a diver becomes ill or injured, is disciplined by the school, or due to extenuating circumstances after the entry deadline of noon Tuesday, a coach would be allowed to substitute for that diver(s) and enter a swimmer(s) in any event to reach the 18 entry allowance if the school has no other diver(s) eligible for entry into the sectional meet. The new swimmer would be placed in the outside lane of the slowest heat – no reseeding of any event(s). The request to substitute must be made to the WIAA prior to 3 p.m. on Friday of sectional week. Final approval rests with the WIAA.
 - (5) In the event of scratches, the meet manager will not reseed the event. The deleted swimmer/diver must be removed from all events (individual and relay) in the entire meet, except when certified by a physician or the meet referee.
 - (6) Some examples of legal/illegal substitutions:
 - (a) Swimmer A becomes ill the Friday afternoon of sectionals and cannot compete Saturday. The coach, Saturday morning, 10 minutes prior to the coaches meeting, in writing, replaces Swimmer A with Swimmer B who was not previously entered in sectional competition. Ruling: Legal, substitution allowed.
 - (b) Swimmer A becomes ill the Friday afternoon of sectionals and cannot compete. The coach, Saturday morning, 10 minutes prior to the coaches meeting, in writing, replaces Swimmer A with a swimmer who has not exceeded the event limitation rule. Ruling: Legal, substitution allowed.
 - (c) A coach, the Wednesday morning of sectionals, changes Swimmer A from the 500 freestyle to the 50 freestyle for Swimmer B. Ruling: Illegal, substitution no longer allowed. All entries are final unless there is an illness, injury or reason of school discipline.
 - (d) A coach enters only 17 individual event entries. Tuesday, prior to noon, the coach wants to enter another diver. Ruling: Legal, addition allowed. A school not using all eligible entries may fill those spots prior to the noon Tuesday entry deadline.
 - (e) Team A's coach calls in numerous changes before 4 p.m. on Wednesday and informs the meet manager that he/she can't seed the meet until after 4 p.m. Wednesday. Ruling: Illegal, substitutions are no longer allowed, unless there is an illness, injury or reason of school discipline.
- i. Coaches Meeting
 - (1) Meet managers will individually determine when to hand out heat sheets.
 - (2) Coaches must be able to document at the coaches meeting any challenged seed times for swimmers, or minimal meet requirements for divers, by providing the appropriate signed official meet results or verification from the WISCA website.
 - (a) Questioned times which cannot be verified by producing official signed meet results will not be seeded and will be placed in an outside lane of the slowest heat.
 - (b) A diver whose minimal meet requirement cannot be verified by producing an official signed diving form will not be allowed to compete.
 - (3) Members of a relay team may not be challenged, but their time may be challenged.
 - (4) The meet manager will not reseed an event. However, adjustments must be made to have at least three entered swimmers/relay teams in the slowest heat. In the event of a scratch at the coaches meeting, it is not necessary to have three swimmers/relays in each heat.
 - (5) No challenges to seed times for swimmers, or minimal meet requirements for divers, will be allowed after the coaches meeting.
- j. Relays
 - (1) Coaches must complete a relay card listing a maximum of eight individuals.
 - (2) Relay cards must be completed and turned in to the meet referee. Time deadlines include: (a) sectionals – at coaches meeting and (b) State – 1/2 hour prior to start of meet.
 - (3) Coaches will be allowed to change the designated four swimmers until the announcements of the results of the two previous events.
 - (a) Sectionals
 - 1) 200 Yard Medley Relay – End of coaches meeting.

- 2) 200 Yard Freestyle Relay – End of the 100 freestyle.
- 3) 400 Yard Freestyle Relay – End of the 100 backstroke.
- (b) State
 - 1) 200 Yard Medley Relay – 1/2 hour before meet starts.
 - 2) 200 Yard Freestyle Relay – End of the 100 freestyle.
 - 3) 400 Yard Freestyle Relay – End of the 100 backstroke.
- k. Timing
 - (1) All sectionals must have fully automatic judging and timing equipment.
 - (2) Each sectional must also have a full complement of three qualified/knowledgeable timers per lane for all races as a back-up system.
 - (3) If there are timing equipment malfunctions where manual times must be used, the ballot system must be used to determine places. On the official result sheet, ballot decisions must be noted. Times should not be adjusted.
- l. Diving Forms
 - (1) All schools must use the WIAA diving form.
 - (2) Diving forms will be due at the time specified by meet manager.
- m. Sixteen places will be scored in both sectional and State competition regardless of number of lanes used.
- n. Qualifying in Swimming Events
 - (1) Sectional

All events will be timed final events. The highest seeded swimmers will be placed as a group in the last heat, the next highest seeded swimmers as a group in the next to the last heat, etc. There must be at least three entered competitors or relay teams in each heat.
 - (2) State
 - (a) Division 1 - All events will be timed final events. The slowest eight swimmers/relay teams will be placed as a group in heat one, the next fastest eight swimmers/relay teams will be placed as a group in heat two, and the fastest eight swimmers/relay teams will be placed as a group in heat three.
 - (b) Division 2 - All events will be timed final events. The slowest eight swimmers/relay teams will be placed as a group in heat one, and the fastest eight swimmers/relay teams will be placed as a group in heat two.
- o. Qualifying in Diving
 - (1) Sectional – All divers will be allowed 11 dives.
 - (2) State – Division 1 – The 20 highest scoring divers through the preliminaries will qualify for semifinals and the 16 highest scoring divers through the semifinals will qualify for the finals. Division 2 – All 16 divers will perform 11 dives.
 - (3) The diving order for sectionals can be either by lot or by seeding based on the diver's best competitive 11 dive score submitted. The State Meet diving order shall be seeded based upon sectional diving scores.
- p. Diving Judges
 - (1) Sectionals – Seven judges will be selected from among the coaches of schools with divers. Judges are to be selected by the WIAA office. The meet referee has the authority to replace a diving judge with an alternate judge at the end of a round at the sectional meet.
Note: The number of diving judges may be reduced dependent on the number of dives (i.e., five or three judges).
 - (2) State – Seven judges from names provided by each sectional site will be used.
- q. Hanging temporary banners or signs from the pool wall, or placing mascots on diving boards, is prohibited.
- r. Stereo tape decks and other related radio equipment in the pool area are prohibited.
Note: "Walkmans" are allowed.
- s. A lead swimmer on a relay will be allowed to set a state record in an individual event. The record will be indicated with a lower case "r".
- t. Dual confirmation of a failed dive will be required during the WIAA tournament series (sectional and State).
- u. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook.
- v. A designated, on-site event, appropriate health-care professional who determines an athlete should not participate, shall not be overruled.

4. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition
 - (1) The exact time schedule is left to the prerogative of the host school manager, but the following instructions apply:
 - (a) Starting times should accommodate traveling schools. Schools should not be expected to leave their community before 8 a.m. Swimming sectional start times must be no later than 1 p.m.
 - (b) Diving competition will be held on Friday, February 13.
 - (c) Warm-ups.
 - 1) Feet first entry shall be required every time an individual enters a swimming pool with the exception of supervised situations such as starting a race, practice starts, and practice dives.
 - 2) There should be provision for 1-1/2 hours for diving warm-ups.
 - 3) Diving warm-ups may be reduced dependent on the total number of entered divers.
 - 4) There should be provision for 1-1/2 hours for swimming warm-ups.
 - 5) Recommended warm-up schedule:
 - 1/2 hour Circle Swim all lanes - feet first entry.
 - 1/2 hour Sprints - outside lanes.
 - 1/2 hour Horn starts Lanes 1-4; relay starts 5-8; turns 5-8.

(d) Coaches Meeting

There should be two coaches meetings conducted jointly by meet management and the meet referee:

- 1) Diving coaches meeting - To review the rules governing the competition and hand in diving forms.
- 2) Swimming coaches meeting - To review the rules governing the competition, and warm-up procedure, pool environment, water-depth at both ends, uniform rules, starting blocks, lane selection, emergency procedures, conference rule differences, lifeguard issues and other pertinent issues.

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract four officials (referee, starter and two stroke inspectors) to officiate at each sectional.

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

- (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule: **\$135** - swimming and diving; **\$95** - for swimming only.
- (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.
- (5) All officials will assist with the diving competition, serving as diving referee, working with scoring table, and crowd control.

c. Awards

- (1) Plaque to championship and runner-up teams.
- (2) Medals to first two individuals/relay teams plus other individuals/relay teams.
- (3) Medals will be awarded to extra qualifiers.
 - (a) All award recipients must wear their official sweat top to participate in the awards ceremony at sectional and State. Note: Plain top T-shirt or a T-shirt with school name is acceptable.
 - (b) Diving awards should be given out immediately after the diving competition is completed.
 - (c) Following each event, awards are given out **one event later**. The next event begins five minutes after completion of the last heat of the previous event. A 20-minute break with **15** minutes in water should be taken in lieu of no diving competition before the 100-yard butterfly.
 - (d) Team plaques should be given out as soon as possible at the completion of the total meet.

d. Finances

- (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA shall be filed by each school conducting an event.
 - (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses for four officials (referee, starter and two stroke judges).
 - 2) Host School - **\$770**. (The allowance includes a manager fee of **\$150** and lifeguard fee of **\$110**.)
 - (c) If a balance remains after the above items are paid out of tournament receipts, the WIAA and the host school shall share **(50-50)** in this amount.
 - (d) Host schools may request, in advance, participating schools to furnish a worker(s) to serve as a timer(s).
- (2) Allowance to Participating Schools
 - (a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
- (3) Ticket Prices - Child/Student/Adult - \$7
There is no allocation formula and/or advance sale of tickets for either the State or sectional levels of competition.
- (4) Admission Policies
 - (a) Free admissions shall be provided only for:
 - Athletes actually competing.
 - Two additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.).
 - One administrator (district administrator, principal, or athletic director).
 - (b) There is no provision for free admission for cheerleaders.

5. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

(1) Division 2

Friday, February 20

(a) Diving Competition

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| Noon | Registration table open in lobby of Natatorium (for divers only) |
| Noon | Locker rooms open (for divers only) |
| 12:25 p.m. | Deck area and one meter boards open for diving warm-ups |
| 12:55 p.m. | Diving sheets due |
| 12:55 p.m. | Meeting of diving judges conducted by diving referee |
| 1:10 p.m. | Meeting of individuals filming for All-American |
| 1:20 p.m. | Boards closed |
| 1:20 p.m. | Meeting of divers conducted by diving referee |
| 1:30 p.m. | Diving competition to completion |

Note: 1) After five dives a five-minute break will be taken with the boards closed.

2) After semifinals, a 15-minute break will be taken with the boards open for 10 minutes of water entries.

- 3) The diving boards will be closed immediately after competition is completed.
 - 4) Diving awards will be given out immediately after competition is completed.
- (b) Swimming Competition (Timed Finals)
- 3:30 p.m. Locker rooms open
- 3:45 p.m. Registration table open in lobby of Natatorium
- 4 p.m. Deck area and swimming pool open for swimming warm-ups
- 5:15 p.m. Pool closed
- 5:30 p.m. Swimming timed finals to completion
- Note: 1) The public-address system will be used to inform coaches/swimmers of any disqualifications.
- 2) A 20-minute break with 15 minutes in water should be taken in lieu of no diving competition before the 100-yard butterfly.
 - 3) A 10-minute break will be taken after completion of the 500 freestyle.
 - 4) During swimming finals, boards are closed. Swimmers will be allowed to loosen down in the diving pool as long as the privilege is not abused.
 - 5) Both pools will be closed immediately after competition is completed.
 - 6) Individual swimming medals will be given out one full event later, with the exception of the breaststroke and backstroke, which should be immediately following the breaststroke.
 - 7) Team trophies will be given out as soon as possible after competition is completed.
- (2) Division 1
- Saturday, February 21
- (a) Diving Competition
- 7:45 a.m. Registration table open in lobby of Natatorium (for divers only)
- 7:45 a.m. Locker rooms open (for divers only)
- 8:10 a.m.** Deck area and one meter boards open for diving warm-ups
- 8:20 a.m.** Diving sheets due
- 8:20 a.m.** Meeting of diving judges conducted by diving referee
- 8:55 a.m.** Meeting of individuals filming for All-American
- 9:20 a.m.** Boards closed
- 9:20 a.m.** Meeting of divers conducted by diving referee
- 9:30 a.m. Diving competition to completion
- Note: 1) After preliminaries a 10-minute break will be taken with the boards closed.
- 2) After semifinals a 15-minute break will be taken with the boards open for 10 minutes of water entries.
 - 3) The diving boards will be closed immediately after competition is completed.
 - 4) Diving awards will be given out immediately after competition is completed.
- (b) Swimming Competition (Timed Finals)
- 12:30 p.m. Locker rooms open
- 12:45 p.m. Registration table open in lobby of Natatorium
- 1 p.m. Deck area and swimming pool open for swimming warm-ups
- 2:15 p.m. Pool closed
- 2:30 p.m. Swimming timed finals to completion
- Note: 1) The public-address system will be used to inform coaches/swimmers of any disqualifications.
- 2) A 20-minute break with 15 minutes in water should be taken in lieu of no diving competition before the 100-yard butterfly.
 - 3) During swimming finals, boards are closed. Swimmers will be allowed to loosen down in the diving pool as long as the privilege is not abused.
 - 4) Both pools will be closed immediately after competition is completed.
 - 5) Individual swimming medals will be given out one full event later, with the exception of the breaststroke and backstroke, which should be immediately following the breaststroke.
 - 6) Team trophies will be given out as soon as possible after competition is completed.
- b. Officials
- (1) The WIAA will contract five officials (meet referee, starter, stroke inspector, and two turn judges).
 - (2) Officials should be paid according to the following schedule: **\$300**
Referee additional - **\$95** Diving Referee additional - **\$70**
 - (3) Officials will be paid 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (4) Officials shall travel together when practical.
 - (5) Officials will be paid for all necessary meal and lodging expenses.
- c. Awards
- (1) Trophy to championship and runner-up teams. Medals to members (10) of top two teams.
 - (2) Medals to first six individuals/relay teams in all events.

- d. Finances
- (1) Participating Schools Allowance
- Schools will receive an allowance for their State Meet expenses. **Schools must send completed State Meet financial form to WIAA office within one week of completion of the State swimming and diving meet to receive reimbursement.** 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¢ per mile.
- Note: No allowance will be paid to schools located in the State Meet city.
- (b) An allowance of \$35 for each actual participant staying overnight plus one other person. Schools less than fifty miles from the state meet site and excessive travel as determined by the WIAA office will not be reimbursed for lodging.
- Note: Only individuals who actually compete in a relay shall be counted for reimbursement.
- (c) Meals will be reimbursed at a rate of \$10 for breakfast, \$10 for lunch and \$12 for dinner for each actual participant plus one other person for schools staying overnight. Meals at a rate of \$7 for lunch and \$9 for dinner for each actual participant plus one other person for schools that do not stay overnight.
- (d) Meals for schools not staying overnight will be reimbursed at a rate of \$10 for lunch and \$12 for dinner for each actual participant plus one other person.
- (2) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket
- Single Session (all day)..... \$9*
- *On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.
- (3) Admission Policies
- (a) Free admissions will be provided for:
- Athletes actually competing.
- Two additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.)
- (b) There is no provision for free admission for cheerleaders, bands or administrators.
6. RADIO AND TELEVISION (See Radio and Television Section in HANDBOOK)

Wrestling

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 20 (November 17). The season ends with the State Team Tournament concluding on Saturday of Week 35 (March 7).

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- a. There must be practices on a minimum of ten different days before the first competition may be conducted.
- b. The first seven 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 individual 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

- 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) Seven 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 a normal match format is used.
- b. 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.
- c. Boys Programs with eight or fewer wrestlers may request a waiver to have the opportunity to scrimmage/practice with another team of eight or fewer, up to two times per week during the regular season.
- d. **Girls programs with seven or fewer total wrestlers may request a waiver to have the opportunity to practice with up to three other teams of seven or fewer, for no more than two times per week during the regular season.**
- e. A scrimmage does not count in a team's win/loss record.

- f. The scrimmage may be held any time during the regular season, or the WIAA tournament series.

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, November 28.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

- a. The maximum number of meets is 14. 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. Girls may only wrestle against girls programs if the school has a recognized girls team.
- d. No meet may continue more than two days except for Individual State Tournament.
- e. No meet may be scheduled (but a meet may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved in the rescheduled event has begun WIAA tournament series competition.
- f. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed meets.
- g. 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.
- h. 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 wrestler is not eligible to compete or participate in any pre-meet activity until they have had a minimum weight determined and the school has received a printout from the WIAA office so indicating.**
- b. A student is limited to representing their school one time in a dual meet. A student may wrestle multiple non-varsity matches during that dual meet. Subject to 7 d. and 7 g.
- c. No wrestler shall represent their school in more than one weight class in any meet or compete in more than six matches (championship or consolation) in any one day.
- d. A student participating at the nonvarsity level in a dual meet may wrestle a maximum of 15 minutes (not including overtimes) provided:
 - (1) No match is scheduled for longer than five minutes.
 - (2) Results of none of these matches are counted toward varsity records.
- e. A student may not participate in more than 14 meets, **and may not have a record that exceeds 50 matches during the regular season.**
- f. If a wrestler is weighed in it is an official weigh-in for minimum weight gain/loss purposes. However, if a wrestler weighs in but does not compete (or receive a forfeit) the weigh-in alone is not counted against the wrestlers individual competition maximums.
- g. Only students eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams may participate on an exhibition or similar basis.
- h. 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 AND INELIGIBLE ATHLETES

- 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. An athlete who is 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. In addition, during the regular season and tournament series, wrestlers who are ineligible (for any reason) may not participate in pre-meet warm-ups or any pre-meet activity, including weigh-ins, during the period of ineligibility. Violation of this provision will result in the deletion of all individual and team points for that weight class and the wrestler will be subject to suspension as outlined in 8.a.

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. It is the responsibility of schools to eliminate pranks and/or mischief such as throwing things onto the mat area, or any other activity involving destruction and/or theft of game equipment and materials (season and WIAA tournament series).
- 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

One WIAA licensed official is 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 weight classes to be used for boys competition are: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190, 215 and 285 lb.

The official weight classes for girls-only competition will be: 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185 and 235 lb.

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

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- a. Weigh-ins must be conducted as outlined in the rule book in terms of length and time prior to wrestling. They must be shoulder-to-shoulder and within the specified time period.
 - (1) Coaches are required to provide the referee or authorized personnel a written line up prior to weigh-ins. All actual weights are to be recorded by the referee or authorized personnel on the line-up form provided. Once a wrestler is weighed in, their weight is recorded, and the referee or authorized personnel signs the weigh-in sheet, at that time the weight becomes official and cannot be changed whether the wrestler wrestles or not. Anyone for whom an actual weight is not recorded is not eligible to wrestle.
 - (2) Copies of the weigh-in form are to be distributed as per instructions on the form. All official weigh-in weights shall be entered into the Weight Management Plan after each competition at any level.
 - (3) See 7% Rule for list of forms that must be available at weigh-ins (item (5) page 42).
- b. For interstate competition, the weigh-in rules of the host state are to be followed unless the rules of another state would cause a Wisconsin school to violate provisions of the 7% Rule and NFHS weigh-in provisions. In such cases Wisconsin schools must adhere to all NFHS and 7% rules.

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. NFHS 1-5-2 and 1-5-3 will be followed in regard to weight loss rules.
- b. With regard to the practice of dehydration:
 - (1) The use of laxatives, emetics, excessive food and fluid restriction, self-induced vomiting, hot rooms (exceeding 75 degrees), hot boxes, saunas and steam rooms is prohibited.
 - (2) The use of diuretics at any time is prohibited.
 - (3) Regardless of purpose, the use of vapor-impermeable suits (e.g., rubber or rubberized nylon) is prohibited. Violators shall be disqualified from the competition for which the weigh-in is intended. A second violation will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.
- c. WIAA will follow NFHS Rule 4-5-5 regarding consecutive days of competition.

Note: The WIAA three day tournament will not include any additional growth allowance beyond the traditional 1 lb. per day unless the tournament is delayed or postponed due to weather.
- d. All weights recorded by the referee or authorized personnel on official weigh-in sheet remain official and cannot be changed, or deleted, whether the wrestler competes in that event or not. **Coaches are required to enter all official weigh-in weights into the official weight management program after each competition at any level. All data entry must be completed prior to creating the next official weigh-in form.** Remember athletes may only be listed on two open weigh-ins at one time.
- e. It shall be considered unsportsmanlike to attempt to conceal a contagious skin condition. Any wrestler involved in such attempts shall not be allowed to wrestle that day. In addition, it could result in loss of eligibility of the wrestler and/or disciplinary action being taken against the coach.
- f. The on-mat official for varsity competition shall make the final determination relative to skin condition concerns for varsity matches. The on-mat official for sub-varsity competition shall make the final determination relative to skin condition concerns for sub-varsity matches.
- g. Covering a communicable skin condition is not acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to participate. An on-site meet physician may override the diagnosis of the physician signing the physician's release form for a wrestler to participate with a particular skin condition. NF 4-2-3 and 4-2-4.
- h. Seeding meetings shall not begin until weigh-ins are completed.
- i. The following modifications to injury time-outs will be used in all competition regarding injuries to the head and neck involving cervical column and/or nervous system:
 - (1) In the absence of certified medical personnel, (physician and/or certified athletic trainer) all injuries to the head and neck involving the cervical column and/or nervous system will be covered by the same time frame as other injuries.
 - (2) When certified medical personnel are present, they have jurisdiction to extend the allowed time limit to a maximum of five minutes for evaluation of the injuries to the head and neck involving cervical column and/or nervous systems only, at which time the athlete would be required to prepare without delay for continuation or default the match.
 - (3) A second occurrence of injury to the head and neck involving cervical column and/or central nervous system in the same match shall require the wrestler to default the match.

Note: When this provision is used, time consumed for the injury will in no way affect time used, or available, for other types of injuries.

j. **JUNIOR VARSITY TEAMS**

- (1) JV teams scheduled to wrestle a dual meet may bring in an additional junior varsity team(s) when either of the two original teams has less than ten team members.
- (2) With approval of both schools at JV dual meets the number of NFHS weight classes may be reduced.

k. **Uniforms**

- (1) Members of teams below the varsity level will not be penalized for failing to wear uniforms prescribed in the rules provided: a) a reasonable attempt is made to conform to the regulations and b) participant safety is not jeopardized. The WIAA office should be informed about questionable situations.
- (2) Schools are required to follow the clean uniform rule. Along with school names and/or mascots, all uniforms may be allowed to include the first and/or last name(s) of the athlete one time on the uniform. Names must be displayed in a sportsmanlike manner and location. In addition, no sayings, clichés, advertisements, etc., of any kind will be allowed on the uniform. Manufacturer's logos and commemorative patches will be allowed as described by Rule 4-1-2 in the NFHS Wrestling Rule Book. All Commemorative patches must be approved by the WIAA and meet appropriate size restrictions.

l. **ESTABLISHING MINIMUM WEIGHTS**

Schools are required to follow the provisions of the weight certification program established by the Association for all wrestlers in Grades 9-12.

The establishment of a minimum wrestling weight based on 7% body fat for males and 12% for females will be mandatory for all senior high school wrestlers. The WIAA does not advocate that a wrestler's established minimum weight is the athlete's best weight, but simply the minimum weight at which the athlete will be allowed to compete.

(1) **Establishing Minimum Weights**

- (a) Skinfold measurements will be utilized to determine each wrestler's body fat percentage.

- 1) Each wrestler must pass a test to substantiate that they are at an acceptable level of hydration before they can have skinfold measurements taken. Details regarding the specific test to be used, the testing protocol, etc. will be provided to each wrestling school prior to the earliest date for measurements. Once a wrestler has reported for hydration testing they may not be withdrawn.

Note: Use of IV to hydrate for skinfolds is not allowed.

- 2) Only measurements taken by health care professionals who have successfully completed the WIAA Skinfold Measurement Workshop will be accepted. Schools will receive a list of approved measurers. It is the responsibility of the school to contact a skinfold measurer from this list, and arrange a time to have the wrestling squad measured.
- 3) Measurements may not be taken after practice, or a workout. **If the measurer has reason to believe any of the wrestlers are in a dehydrated state, they shall refuse to measure such wrestler(s).**
- 4) No senior high wrestler may compete or participate in pre-meet activities until the athlete has had a minimum weight determined, **and the school has received a printout from the WIAA on-line program so indicating.**

- (b) The lowest weight class a wrestler may compete at will be determined as follows:

- 1) If the predicted weight, at 7% body fat for males, or 12% for females, is exactly that of one of the weight classes that shall be the wrestler's minimum weight class.
- 2) If the predicted weight, at 7% body fat for males, or 12% for females, falls between two weight classes, they must wrestle at the higher weight class.
- 3) With documented (see Note below) parental permission, the wrestler may wrestle at the weight class in which their 7% predicted weight for males, or 12% for females, less 2% of that weight, places them. **The deadline for parental permission is February 1.**

Note: The official parental permission form provided by the WIAA office must be used. The school must have the completed form on file before the wrestler is allowed to compete at that weight.

(c) **WIAA On-Line Minimum Weight Program Overview**

The online minimum weight program allows coaches to get instant results regarding minimum weight as soon as the data is entered and submitted to the WIAA. Each school team has a designated team representative that will receive a username and password. That person is responsible for entering all the data associated with their team. During the measurement process, the measurer will record all the data on a duplicate form. One copy of that form will be given to the team representative and another copy will be taken by the measurer. The team representative can then enter the data and receive the results immediately. The team can use that data to determine an athlete's minimum weight class and date eligible at that weight (based on 1.5% weight loss per week), but the data will still need to be verified by the measurer. Therefore when the data is submitted, the measurer will receive an email alerting them that the data is ready for review. The measurer will have 3 business days to review the data and either approve it or report the discrepancies they found to the WIAA. Wrestlers may compete as soon as the school has entered their measurement data and received the necessary minimum weight printout in return. However, if a discrepancy in data entry is found and an athlete wrestled at a weight class in which they were not eligible, they will be required to forfeit. Once they have completed this process, the measurer will sign their paper copy and mail it to the WIAA office.

(2) **Time Period for Measurements**

- (a) Skinfold measuring may begin on the third Monday of October (October 20 for the 2025-26 season). Wrestlers may be measured on or following that date. **All wrestlers, including those coming out late, must have their minimum weight established and have received their minimum weight printout from the WIAA on-line program prior to any competition.**

- (b) **The absolute deadline for submitting minimum weight skinfold measurement data on-line will be noon of the Tuesday prior to the first round of tournament competition.**

- (c) **Any time a contestant establishes a minimum weight (by any means) after December 25, the wrestler must make scratch weight at their minimum weight one time to qualify for the growth allowance at that weight.**

(3) **Appeal Process**

- (a) Any wrestler may appeal their skinfold measurements or calculations. The steps of the appeal process are as follows: Step 1 must be

completed within 14 days of the original measurement. Step 1 may be by-passed and only Step 2 performed (underwater weighing). The only prerequisite for using underwater weighing to appeal an original minimum weight measurement is that the underwater re-weigh **must be done before the wrestler's first competition**. Once a wrestler competes they are no longer able to access hydrostatic weighing as part of the appeal process.

Step 1: If dissatisfied with the results, the wrestler is remeasured by the same skinfold measurer. Measurements must be within 14 days of the original date of measurement. The wrestler chooses which measurement to accept (the original or the second measurement).

Note 1: The wrestler's original weight used for the initial skinfold test will be used for calculations. For Step 1 Appeal, the wrestler must be re-weighed at time of appeal for verification of the 1.5% rule and weight recorded on the measurement log form. (The hydration test is not repeated.) If the wrestler exceeds 1.5% per week weight gain or loss from date of original measurement, the appeal will be rendered invalid. **The original measurement date shall not be used for calculating weight loss.**

Note 2: Upon appeal, if an athlete's weight is higher than their original weight, their weight at the date of the appeal will be used to recalculate the date eligible for competition, based on 1.5% per week/weight loss from the date of appeal.

Step 2: If dissatisfied with the results the wrestler may choose to be hydrostatically weighed to determine body fat percentage. Results obtained at this step are automatically accepted; the athlete has no choice.

*Wrestlers wishing to use this appeal must have their coach contact the re-weigh facility. Details are available on the WIAA website.

*Hydrostatic weighing facilities must be approved by the WIAA.

*Only the form made available by the WIAA office may be used for this step. Forms have been provided to all approved facilities.

***Step 2 (hydrostatic weighing used to appeal the wrestler's original minimum weight determination) must be performed prior to the wrestler's first competition.**

(4) Underwater Weighing

In addition to skinfold measurements a wrestler may be underwater weighed. Coaches must understand that there are two distinct time periods and sets of requirements for wrestlers seeking to be underwater weighed.

(a) Underwater Re-weigh via Appeal Process (detailed in Step 2 above):

If being underwater weighed scanned as provided in the minimum weight appeal process, to appeal the original skin fold measurement, the only prerequisite is that the underwater re-weigh must be done before the wrestler's first competition. Once a wrestler competes, they are no longer able to access underwater weighing as part of the **appeal process**. (See Appeal Process #3).

(b) Underwater Re-weigh via Special Re-Weigh Provision:

Only wrestlers, who with parental permission are within two (2) pounds of a lower weight class as determined by their original skinfold measurement and minimum weight projection printout may be **hydrostatically re-weighed** at any time during the season, up to 15 days prior **to the tournament series** (January 30, 2026), whether the athlete has competed or not.

Note 1: Hydrostatic weighing done at any time, whether as part of the existing appeal process or in accordance with this provision (2 b), shall be considered final and binding, with no further testing options available.

Note 2: This provision does not alter or restrict any other requirements pertaining to establishing a wrestlers minimum weight prior to competing or to the existing appeal process.

Note 3: If the wrestler exceeds 1.5% per week weight loss from the date of their most recent weigh-in the appeal will be rendered invalid. The wrestler must be at or above their weight loss plan weight in order to reweigh via hydrostatic weighing.

(5) School Administration's Responsibilities for the Measurement Process

(a) It is the school's responsibility to contact an approved measurer from the list provided by the WIAA.

(b) School Administration or their designee must take reasonable precautions to insure the accuracy and validity of their hydration testing procedure. Schools will be sent a list of suggestions to help them collect secure samples from each wrestler.

(c) The school must have available at the time of the skinfold measuring:

1) Material for testing each wrestlers state of hydration (A list of these materials will be mailed to each wrestling school along with information regarding the testing protocol).

2) A certified scale (certified after the start of school in the fall and no later than the school's first day of skinfold measurements, which may be October 20 or thereafter). Beam Scales must be certified annually. Electronic scales must be certified every three years.

Note1: Electronic scales must read to at least .2 lb. increments.

Note 2: Officials have the authority to remove a scale that is non-certified or has a large variance from other scales at an event. (Ref NFHS 2-4-2)

3) Skinfold data forms.

4) A school official (e.g., AD, coach, teacher) who will:

- a) Assist with obtaining the weight of each wrestler.
- b) Assist with the recording of all data.

5) An individual to administer the test to determine state of hydration of each wrestler. (e.g., school nurse, biology teacher)

(d) The school's coach, AD or their designee must enter data online.

(e) It is the skinfold measurer's responsibility to verify the on-line data within 3 days and then send the data sheets to the WIAA.

(f) **A wrestler is not eligible to wrestle until their school has received from the WIAA on-line processing program a printout with their name and minimum weight class indicated.**

(6) Growth Allowance

Growth allowance will be two pounds on December 25, and one additional pound on both the date of the regional tournament and March 1.

Note: A wrestler IS NOT eligible for a weight class because of growth allowance and/or allowances for successive days wrestling, which bring a weight class up to their minimum weight.

Note: Any time a contestant obtains a new minimum weight calculation (via special re-weigh or appeal) after December 25, the wrestler must make scratch weight at their minimum weight one time to qualify for the growth allowance at that weight.

(7) **Weight Loss Per Week**

(a) A weight loss limit of 1.5% per week has been set. The projected earliest date to wrestle at the predicted minimum will be broken down into days. This date will appear on the printout received from the WIAA minimum weight program.

(b) A wrestler will not be allowed to wrestle at any time in a lower weight class that would require them to lose more than 1.5% per week from the original date of measurement and/or from one weigh-in (for competition) to another. Coaches must be able to provide documentation of appropriate weight loss any time a wrestler drops to a lower weight class (documentation from all weigh-ins).

Note: No day may be counted twice. The original measurement date shall not be used for calculating weight loss. **Follow the weight loss plan to determine a wrestler's weight class eligibility when utilizing the consecutive days allowance.**

(c) The deadline for challenges regarding weight loss violations/procedures shall be two working days following the completion of all State Championships.

(8) During the regular season (non-WIAA tournament events), **coaches are to have minimum weight printouts and all previous weigh-in records** of wrestlers competing that day available for all coaches at weigh-ins. If a coach cannot, or does not produce them within two working days from the date of the meet, it shall be reported to the WIAA office by the opposing coach. A forfeiture shall be ordered for every wrestler for whom there is no printout and/or weigh-in sheet from previous meets. (See (5) (c).) **Official weigh-ins must be recorded in the minimum weight program. This will also update the wrestler's weight loss plan.**

(9) **Nutrition Education Program**

While not mandatory, it is highly recommended that each school provide the nutrition education aspect of the program to wrestlers. Contact the WIAA for information/resources.

(10) **Costs**

All costs incurred for the initial skinfold measurement, hydration testing, appeal process, and nutrition education program are the responsibility of the school.

m. Coaches are required to enter all past results of team and individual competition in the WIAA preferred database within seven days of the competition.

n. 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 32 (February 14).
- b. The determination of weight classes for competition is left to the discretion of schools, and it is strongly recommended there be as many matches as available participants.

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 approved for combined Grade 8-9 teams.
- d. The maximum competitive weight is 285 lbs.

Wrestling (Boys)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

Boys Individual Tournament Series

1. ASSIGNMENTS OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS.

- The largest 112 member schools sponsoring boys wrestling are in Division 1. **The next 112 schools will be in Division 2 and the remaining will be in Division 3.**
- 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 **April 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.

- Schools are assigned to: one of **7 sectionals in all divisions** on Saturday, February 14.
- State Qualifiers
 - The first two finishers in each weight **class** in all sectionals qualify for the State Tournament.
 - All wrestlers must weigh in all three days of the State Tournament.
 - All wrestlers will begin competition on Thursday.
 - Assignments of teams to tournaments and host schools for those tournaments will be announced on the WIAA website in late spring.
- The 2025-26 season will be the final year that** female wrestlers will be eligible to participate in the boys team wrestling sectionals and boys Team State Tournament if their boys wrestling team advances.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 38-43) 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.

- A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 14 meets. **a wrestler may participate if they have a record of more than 50 matches.**
- A school must participate in a minimum of four varsity meets in the regular season to be eligible for tournament competition.
- The WIAA office will furnish all participating schools necessary details to enter their athletes into the **sectional** tournament using the official state season management program.

Note: Boys – **Line ups must be entered by midnight Thursday prior to the sectional tournament.**

- To list the names of wrestlers scheduled to compete in the **sectionals**.
- The official state weight management program may be used as a record/worksheet to reference when entering competitors' names into the tournament data program.

(3) These lists are tentative and changes may be made up to and on the day of competition.

- Records of each wrestler within the division in which they are entered must be indicated along with any other pertinent information (record in other weight classes, record against wrestlers in same **sectional**, etc.) which may be useful for the determination of seeding at the coaches' meeting. See paragraphs (4) and (5) of seeding guidelines beginning on pages 45 and 46.
- Schools must take to the **sectional** to which their school is assigned:
 - Copies of minimum weight printouts containing the most recent data on each wrestler that may be entered in the **sectional**.
 - Weigh-in records from all meets the team participated in during the two weeks prior to **sectionals**.
- Coaches are required to name their final entries by weight class prior to the start of the seeding meeting, not necessarily at weigh-ins.**
- All weights recorded by the official on official weigh-in sheets remain official and cannot be changed, or deleted, whether the wrestler competes in that event or not.
- Covering a communicable skin condition is not acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to participate. An on-site meet physician may override the diagnosis of the physician signing the physician's release form for a wrestler to participate with a particular skin condition. NF 4-2-3 and 4-2-4.
- Sectional** tournament hosts may release their competition pairings to the public at the end of the seeding meeting.
- After the **sectionals**, there are no entry **procedures** for schools to complete or forward relative to State competition.

d. Length of bouts

- All sectional championship matches including wrestlebacks will be six-minutes long – three two-minute rounds. **Sectional consolation matches for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th place shall be one minute first periods.**
- All State tournament consolation and/or wrestleback matches will be five-minutes long – one minute first period.

e. Substitutions

- (1) There is a provision in the tournament program permitting replacement of a wrestler who has qualified from one level to the next but is unable to continue (excluding not making weight).
- (2) The provision extends ONLY to third place wrestlers in all sectional brackets
- (3) There is no provision for moving up any other wrestlers.
- (4) Notification should be given as early as possible so the substitute can prepare. There is, however, no deadline. Substitution can be made up to weigh-in time.
- (5) If substitution is necessary because a first place winner (sectional-to-State) is unable to continue, the second place qualifier will move into the winner's position and the third place wrestler into the second place wrestler's position.
- (6) If there is no substitute, the original placements stand.**
- (7) If a vacancy occurs because there is no available or eligible substitute, the scheduled opponent receives a forfeit.
- (8) If a wrestler fails to make weight, their opponent receives a forfeit.
- (9) A school is expected to IMMEDIATELY notify the WIAA, the school of the substitute wrestler and the tournament host, in the event one of its qualifiers is unable to continue in the tournament program.**

- f. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook.
- g. A designated, on-site event, appropriate health-care professional who determines an athlete should not participate, shall not be overruled.

4. BOYS SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition - Saturday, February 14

All sectionals will begin at 10:00 a.m. with weigh-ins at 8:30 a.m.

- b. Tournament Pairings

Rule book instructions and instructions below apply.

Note: (1) All weight classes – even if there are four or less wrestlers – must be set up and scored as a sixteen wrestler bracket. Scoring must include appropriate points for all ensuing byes. (See d. (2) of SCORING)

(2) All divisions must conduct wrestleback matches to determine second place if necessary. (These matches are to be six minutes in length).

- c. **Sectional** seeding Information and Procedures

- (1) **Tournament Management Software** shall be used for seeding of all **sectional** tournaments.

- (2) Materials to have on hand: Computer, projector and screen.

- (a) Tournament host should provide to all coaches a list of participants by weight, not by team, with their records. For example, all 106 pound wrestlers should be listed not alphabetically but according to their record, with the best winning percentage listed first and the one with the poorest record listed last.

- (3) When drawing a bracket, **State seeding criteria will be used for sectional seeding:**

- (1) Head to head competition**
- (2) Competition against common opponents**
- (3) Returning State Champion**
- (4) Returning second or third place finisher in previous season**
- (5) Returning fourth through sixth place finisher from previous season**
- (6) Sectional Champion**
- (7) Returning State qualifier in previous season**
- (8) Winning percentage in the current season**

- (4) General considerations.

- (a) Do not start your meeting early unless all coaches are present and ready to start. The meeting must be conducted by a licensed WIAA wrestling official and they will have final authority.
- (b) The seeding meeting is a working session and attendance should be limited to coaches and at the host's option, working media. The seeding meeting should not be open to spectators.
- (c) Prior to the beginning of the meeting, the head official will meet with each head coach in confidence and they shall verify their contestants / wt. class. This means they may alter their line up in any manner as long as the wrestler is eligible for that weight class. Coaches may not request to see nor may the official divulge other school's lineup changes during this process.
- (d) Final line up changes will now be announced by the head official prior to the start of the seeding meeting.
- (e) Any ground rules to be used that are not already entered into **tournament management software** must be established by a simple majority vote of the head coaches present with the official voting if there is a tie.
- (f) **Appeals will only be allowed for wrestlers who do not meet the criteria (10 matches)** by using the following mechanisms:
 - 1) The coach making the appeal shall make a statement regarding factual information indicating a seed is justified.
 - 2) Any head coach present may either support or make a statement of disagreement regarding the request. Their opinion should also be limited to factual information.
 - 3) A simple majority vote of the head coaches present and voting will prevail (a coach does not need to vote). A tie vote means the appeal lost. The head official may not vote on such appeals.

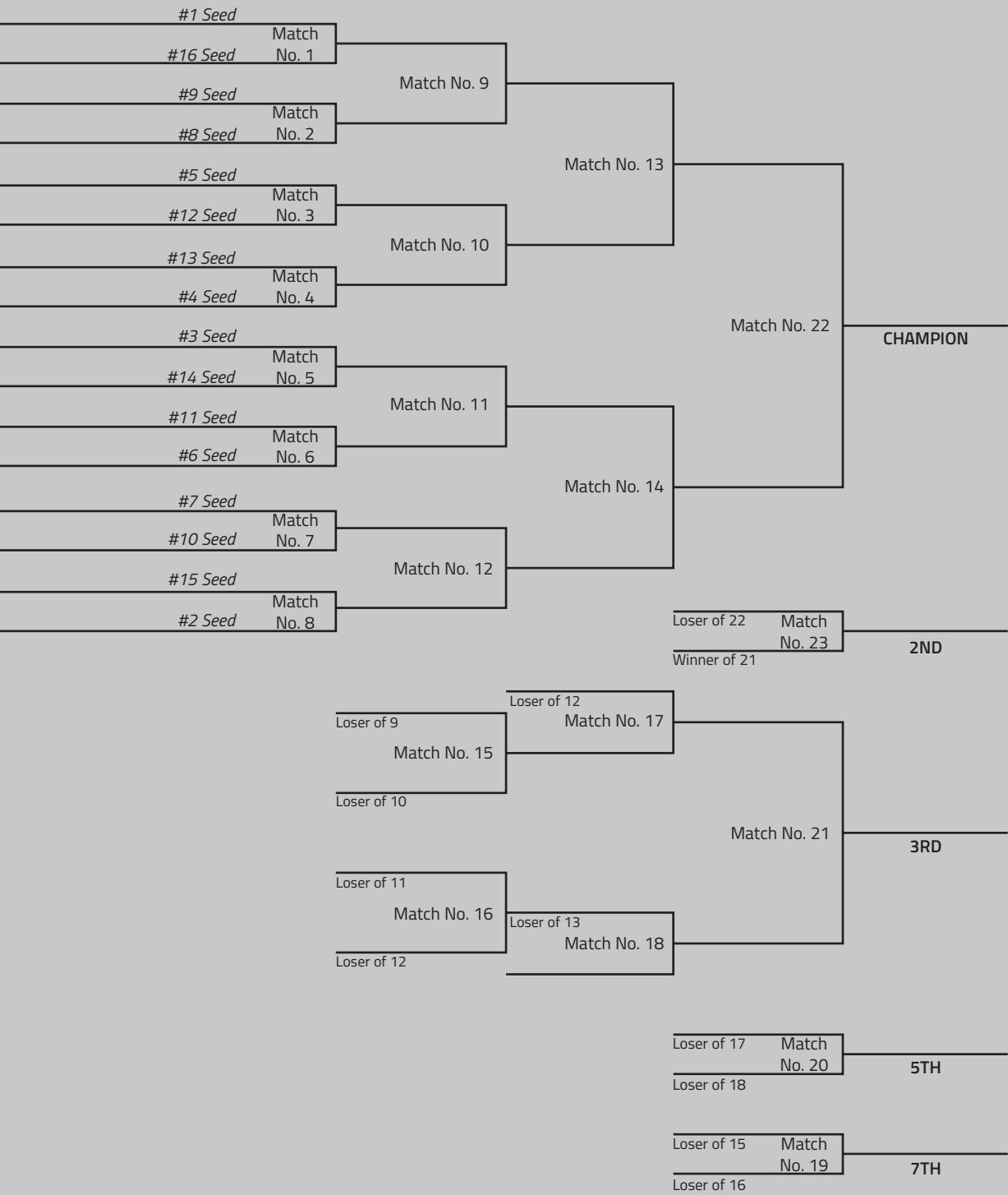
Boys Sectional Tournament (Continued)

- (g) The following ground rules should be followed.
- 1) All wrestlers are seeded. Those wrestlers with 10 or more matches will be seeded first. Those with less than ten matches will be seeded immediately following.
 - 2) The following criteria should be used to calculate record percentages.
 - a) A wrestler may not assume losses in order to build up their record to the minimum number of 10.
 - b) Only varsity experience shall be counted. It is considered varsity competition if either wrestling is representing their varsity. All varsity experience shall be counted regardless of the weight class the record was earned at.
 - c) Matches won by a forfeit shall be included in the win record of a wrestler. This would not apply if the whole team won by a forfeit. For example, the opposing team did not show up for the contest. Forfeit losses caused by an earlier default in a tournament shall not be included on a wrestler's record unless they return to competition in that tournament.
 - d) Wins and losses resulting from defaults shall be included in a wrestler's record.
 - e) All byes in the championship bracket or consolation bracket received during regular season tournaments will count as wins if the wrestler won their next match in the bracket.
 - 3) A wrestler deserving a seed may not refuse nor request a lower seed (with the possible exception noted in 5c below).
 - 4) All wrestlers in a bracket will be seeded and when byes exist, the highest seed(s) will receive bye(s).
- d. Additional considerations
National Federation Rule #10 covers conduct of tournaments as well as bracketing situations.
- e. SCORING
- (1) Place points will be accumulated toward team total as follows:
 - (a) 16 points to champion.
 - (b) 12 points to runner-up.
 - (c) 9 points to third-place wrestler (loser of wrestleback finals).
 - (d) 7 points to fourth-place wrestler (loser of first wrestleback).
 - (e) 5 points to fifth-place wrestler.
 - (f) 3 points to sixth-place wrestler.
 - (g) 2 points to seventh-place wrestler.
 - (h) 1 point to eighth-place wrestler.

The **top 6 teams** scoring the most points at the **sectional** qualifies for the Team Tournament Program. Information on this program – including procedures to break ties in the event the **sectional** has more than one team champion – can be found on pages 58 and 59.

- (2) Additional points at the **sectional** level will be scored on the basis of 16 wrestler brackets and accumulate as follows: **Note: No points are awarded for pigtail/preliminary matches.**
 - (a) Advancement points
 - 1) Two points in championship flight competition and one point in wrestleback competition.
 - 2) A wrestler receiving two successive byes will receive advancement points for each if they win their next match.
 - 3) Advancement point scoring for byes apply to the wrestleback bracket as well as the championship bracket.
 - 4) An advancement point is awarded to the wrestler that wins the third place match in **sectional**, even if a final wrestleback match is not necessary.
 - 5) No advancement points are awarded for: Consolation Matches, Championship and final wrestleback matches in **sectionals**, or in a weight class with only one wrestler.
 - (3) Two points are awarded for each win by a fall, forfeit, default or disqualification.
 - (4) One point is given for each decision won by 8-14 points.
 - (5) One and one-half points are awarded for each win by a technical fall (15 points or more).
 - (6) In an incomplete bracket any wrestler receiving a bye will receive four points for their team if they win their next match (two points for advancement and two points for lost potential pin). If they received two byes before their win, they will receive four points for each bye.
- Note: Every wrestler is entitled to the opportunity to score as many points for their team as any other wrestler. It therefore becomes necessary to pay particular attention to situations involving byes. The following is offered to help clarify how to score these situations.
- If a wrestler wins their first match, they are entitled to two advancement points and two pin points (a total of four points) for each bye they received before their win. If there are four wrestlers, each has received a bye in the first round (round of 8). If there are only three wrestlers, one has received two byes before their first match.
- In the event there are only two wrestlers in the weight class, each has had two byes before they meet for the championship. The winner, therefore, is entitled to four advancement points and four pin points after winning the championship match. They would in addition earn first place points, as well as any points earned by a pin, technical fall, or major decision in the championship match. The loser in this situation is entitled only to second place points.
- In a weight class with only one wrestler, only place points will be awarded. No advancement points are awarded unless a wrestler competes and wins.

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT (Continued)



Note: 1. Loss in round of 16 results in elimination.
2. Wrestlers seeded 1-16 (top to bottom).
3. Special considerations are only allowed if a wrestler has not met the minimum (10) match requirement.
4. Brackets with more than 16 would have lowest seeds in prelims (pigtail matches).
5. Match 23 will only be wrestled if the wrestlers have not previously wrestled in the tournament

5. ADDITIONAL SECTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- a. Awards
 - (1) Medals to first two individuals in each weight classification.
- b. Officials
 - (1) The WIAA will contract four officials. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school. Host schools will be reimbursed by the WIAA for fees and expenses of assigned officials.
 - (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating fee - **\$230** plus \$12 meal allowance.
 - (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.
 - (3) One of the officials, as determined by both officials and the host school manager, will act as chairman of the coaches' meeting.
- c. 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 - 20% of receipts to cover items such as lights, workers, host manager's fee - **\$135**, etc. Minimum of **\$860**.
 - (c) The balance remaining after the above items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:
 - 1) **25%** to host school.
 - 2) **75%** to WIAA.
 - (2) Participating School Allowances

There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
 - (3) Ticket Prices

	Child/Student/Adult
All Sessions (Rounds 1-5)	\$10
Second Session and Finals (Rounds 2-5)	\$8
Finals (Rounds 4-5)	\$7

Note: In order to do away with the many problems associated with clearing the gym of patrons during the wrestling sectional the following procedure should be used in selling tickets:

 - (a) Patrons arriving for or during the opening session will be charged the all session ticket price listed above.
 - (b) Those arriving for or during the second session will be charged according to the price listed for that session and the finals.
 - (c) Those coming to the finals will pay as listed above.
 - (d) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, a single admission ticket for \$1 for children 6 years of age and under if accompanied by adult.
 - (4) Admission Policies
 - (a) Free admission shall be provided only for:
 - Wrestlers actually competing.
 - One manager.
 - Head coach and assistant coach.
 - No more than six cheerleaders.
 - (b) All Sites
 - 1) Each school in a tournament (including host school whether in tournament or not) shall be allowed no more than two admissions without charge for use by school personnel, designated by the school.
 - 2) Meet officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires along with the tournament manager and a person designated as their assistant shall be admitted without charge but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided with additional tickets for their spouses. Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio and television.
 - 3) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided with complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see the meet at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets to present to these persons.
 - 4) Free admissions permissible under g. (4) (a) and (b) above are not transferable.

6. STATE TOURNAMENT

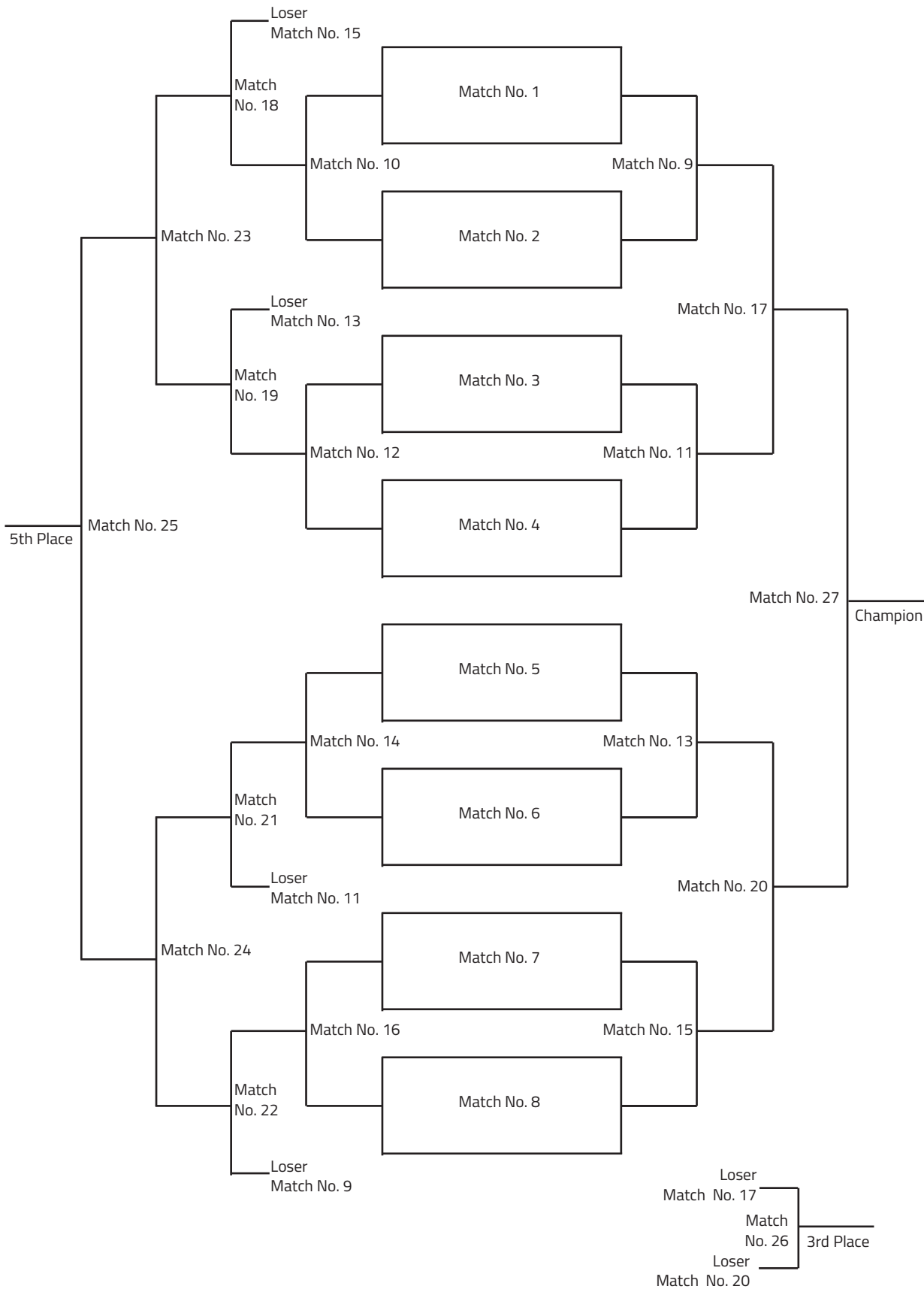
- a. Scheduling of Competition

The time schedule for the State Meet Competition will appear on the WIAA website early in the wrestling season. Divisions 1, 2, 3 and girls will begin on Thursday, February 26, with Division 1 and girls weigh-ins set for 12:30 p.m. Wrestling will begin at 2 p.m.
- b. Tournament Pairings

At the individual state tournament, seeding criteria will be used for all competitors. **Tournament Management Software** will seed all **14** wrestlers in **all divisions** at the Individual State Tournament using the following criteria:

 - (1) Head-to-head competition
 - (2) Competition against common opponents
 - (3) Returning state champion
 - (4) Returning second or third place finisher in previous season
 - (5) Returning fourth through sixth place finisher from previous season
 - (6) Sectional champion
 - (7) Returning state qualifier in previous season
 - (8) Winning percentage in the current season

c. Seeding Information and Procedures **all Divisions**



d. Scoring

There is no team scoring at state.

e. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract the state tournament officials.

(2) Officials will be paid:

- (a) Officiating fee - **\$140** per session.
- (b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
- (c) Necessary meals and lodging.
- (d) Officials will be expected to travel in one car when practical.

f. Awards

- (1) Medals to first six individuals in each weight classification.
- (2) Girls – trophies to champion and runner-up teams.

g. 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 Tournament city at the rate of **70¢** per mile.

Note: No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament city.

- (b) **\$60** for each actual participant plus two other persons.

(2) Ticket Prices

	5 Session	Single Session
Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket	\$55*	\$11*

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

(3) Ticket Allocations

Complete information relating to ticket allocation for the State Tournament will be provided to member schools in October via email. All individual State wrestling tickets will be available for purchase online and the remaining tickets will be available at the door on the days of the State Tournament.

(4) Admission Policies

Free admissions shall be provided for the wrestlers actually competing plus two additional persons.

Note: There is no provision for free admissions for either administrators or cheerleaders.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

State Tournament Housing

The WIAA office will not be involved in housing for students in Madison during the State Tournament but will inform schools of possible arrangements for housing in the event a Madison agency is available for this service. Schools are reminded students may not register in hotels and motels in the Madison area during the State Tournament without adult chaperones.

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

Boys Team Tournament Series

1. THERE WILL BE **126** SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE TEAM TOURNAMENT PROGRAM. THESE SCHOOLS WILL BE THE **TOP 6 TEAMS** IN THE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT SERIES IN EACH OF DIVISIONS 1, 2, AND 3. (See No. 1 under Individual Tournament Series)

Note: Starting in 2026-27, girls will have a dual tournament series. Until that time, a girls state team champion and runner-up will be determined by points of the State Individual Tournament.

- a. 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 **April 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 – PAIRINGS, LEVELS OF COMPETITION AND DATES – 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. All Divisions

The top 6 teams from the individual sectional will advance to the Team Sectional. The Team Sectional will compete with the same geographic schools as the Individual Sectional.

- b. Sectional team tournament competition will take place in all three Divisions (1, 2 and 3) on **Saturday**, February 21, at sites to be determined by the WIAA office. Schools that are able to use the official state scoring program with electronic bout sheets will be given priority when attempting to assign sectional hosts.
- c. Sectional seeds are **based on the state team seeding formula. Team sectional seeding will use the team's individual sectional lineup.**
- d. Schools winning sectional team championships – **seven, plus one additional wild card team in all divisions** – will participate in the State Team Tournament on Friday and Saturday, March 6-7.
- e. State qualifying teams will be seeded on Sunday, March 1 following the State Individual Tournament in Madison. **The State Tournament Management Program** will be used to determine seeding for teams using the following criteria:

- (1) Head to Head - overall
- (2) Common Opponents - overall
- (3) Current Year State Place
- (4) Current Year State Qualifier
- (5) Previous Year State Place
- (6) Previous Year State Qualifier
- (7) Current Year Overall Record

Note: There will be a 10-match minimum for consideration of a seed point.

- f. 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 38-43) 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. **A maximum of 28 wrestlers will be allowed on the roster in the tournament management program to be eligible. Wrestlers must be identified by name in the program in order to be eligible to compete.**

Note: In extenuating circumstances involving injury, illness and/or discipline e.g., a wrestler may replace an identified/named athlete in the program with approval of the WIAA. (excluding not making weight)

- b. Rosters may be changed from one weigh-in to the next during the tournament series.
- c. A designated, on-site event, appropriate health-care professional who determines an athlete should not participate, shall not be overruled.

4. TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

Ties for **Sixth** Place in Sectional Individual Tournament

If there is a tie for **sixth** place in **sectional** individual tournament competition, the following criteria will be applied in the order indicated to determine the school qualifying for the sectional team tournament:

- a. Most place points (16, 12, 9, 7) based on the place points earned for first, second, third and fourth places.
- b. Most place winners. **(1st - 8th)**
- c. Most champions.
- d. Most seconds.
- e. Most thirds.
- f. Most fourths.

- g. Most fifths.
- h. Most sixths.
- i. Most entries into the **sectional** individual tournament.
- j. Most pins in all matches after quarterfinals.
- k. Most technical falls in all matches after quarterfinals.
- l. Most major decisions in all matches after quarterfinals.
- m. Most decisions in all matches after quarterfinals.
- n. Team not penalized for flagrant misconduct.
- o. Team not penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- p. Random draw.

5. SECTIONAL TEAM TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition:

All Divisions

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Weigh-ins

10:00 a.m. Quarterfinals

Each subsequent round will begin 20 minutes after the conclusion of previous round.

- b. Scoring

Ties in Dual Competition During Sectional Team Tournaments

In the event there is a tie in dual competition during the sectional phases of competition, National Federation dual meet tie-breaking criteria shall be applied to determine a winner (NF Rule 9-2-2) (Except in final match of State Tournament-see pages 60 and 61)

Note: If none of the listed criteria resolve the tie, an official will meet with captain of each team in center of mat and break tie by flipping colored disc with green representing home team and red representing visiting team.

- c. Officials

(1) All Divisions - **4** Officials

(2) Officials will be paid:

(a) Officiating fee - **\$100** per match, AR **\$60** per match.

(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.

- d. Awards

(1) Plaques to championship teams **and the wild card team.**

(2) Medals to members (28) 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:

1) Fees and expenses of officials.

2) All Divisions

a) **35%** of total receipts or **\$610** whichever is greater to cover lights, workers, host manager's fee - **\$90**, etc.

(c) The WIAA will receive **65%** of the total receipts to cover tournament administrative costs and expenses. The host school will issue contracts and pay officials.

(2) Participating School Allowances

There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

(3) Ticket Prices

Child/Student/Adult

(a) Sectional – All Divisions \$8

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

(4) Admission Policies

(a) Free admission shall be provided only for:

1) Wrestlers actually competing. (14 plus 14 substitutes)

2) Six additional people (coaches, assistant coaches, etc.)

3) No more than six cheerleaders.

4) 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 TEAM TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

Friday, March 6

All Divisions Quarterfinals

4:15 p.m. Weigh-ins

5:30 p.m. Quarterfinal Matches **1 & 2**7:30 p.m. **Quarterfinal** Matches **3 & 4**

Saturday, March 7

All Divisions Semifinals

8:45 a.m. Weigh-ins Begin - Divisions 2 & 3, followed by Division 1

10 a.m. Competition Begins

Divisions 1-2-3 Finals

3 p.m. Competition Begins

b. Tournament Pairings

(1) Quarterfinals

#1 seed vs. #8 seed

#4 seed vs. #5 seed

winners of above will paired in semifinals

#3 seed vs. #6 seed

#2 seed vs. #7 seed

winners of above will paired in semifinals

c. Seeding Procedures

(1) State qualifying teams will be seeded on Sunday, March 1 following the State Individual Tournament in Madison. **The state tournament management program** will be used to determine seeding for teams using the following criteria:

- (a) Head to Head - overall
- (b) Common Opponents - overall
- (c) Current Year State Place
- (d) Current Year State Qualifier
- (e) Previous Year State Place
- (f) Previous Year State Qualifier
- (g) Current Year Overall Record

Note: There will be a 10-match minimum for consideration of a seed point.

d. Scoring

Ties in Dual Competition During State Team Tournaments

In the event there is a tie in dual competition during the sectional and State phases of competition, National Federation dual meet tie-breaking criteria shall be applied to determine a winner (NF Rule 9-2-2)

Note 1: If none of the listed criteria resolve the tie in quarterfinal and semifinal competition, an official will meet with captain of each team in center of mat and break tie by flipping colored disc with green representing home team and red representing visiting team.

Note 2: STATE Championship Finals: NF tie breaking criteria will be applied. If after all NF tie breaking criteria have been applied a tie remains unbroken - Co-Champions will be declared in lieu of flipping a colored disc.

e. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract the State team tournament officials.

(2) Officials will be paid:

- (a) Officiating fee - **\$115** per match.
- (b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
- (c) Necessary meals and lodging.
- (d) Officials will be expected to travel in one car when practical.

f. Awards

(1) Trophies to championship and runner-up teams.

(2) Medals to members (28) of championship and runner-up teams.

g. 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 \$2.00 per mile. NOTE: No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament City.
- (b) A meal and lodging allowance of \$1,000.
- (2) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket
 - Friday Night - Session 1 (Quarterfinals)..... \$16*
 - Saturday - Session 2 (Semifinals)..... \$11*
 - Saturday - Session 3 (Divisions 1, 2 & 3 Finals) \$11*
- *On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.
- (3) Admission Policies
 - (a) Free admissions shall be provided for the wrestlers actually competing plus up to fourteen (14) alternate wrestlers and six (6) additional persons.
 - (b) There is no provision for free admissions for administrators or cheerleaders.

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

Wrestling (Girls)

Girls Individual Tournament Series

1. ASSIGNMENTS OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS.

- Girls – Will be one division for the entire State and will compete at the assigned regional and sectional tournament locations.
- 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 **April 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.

- Girls – Schools are assigned to one of **32** regionals on Friday, February 13.
- Sectional Qualifiers
The first **two** finishers in each weight division in all regionals will qualify for one of eight sectionals in one division on Friday, February 20.
- State Qualifiers
 - The first two finishers in each weight class in all sectionals qualify for the State Tournament.
 - All wrestlers must weigh in all three days of the State Tournament.
 - All wrestlers will begin competition on Thursday.
 - Assignments of teams to tournaments and host schools for those tournaments will be announced on the WIAA website in late spring. Schools that are able to use the official state scoring program with electronic bout sheets will be given priority when attempting to assign regional and sectional hosts.
- The 2025-26 Season will be the final year that** female wrestlers will be eligible to participate in the boys team wrestling sectionals and boys Team State Tournament if their boys wrestling team advances.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 38-43) 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.

- A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 14 meets.
- A school must participate in a minimum of four varsity meets in the regular season to be eligible for tournament competition.
- The WIAA office will furnish all participating schools necessary details to enter their athletes into the regional tournament using the official state season management program.

Note: **Line ups must be entered by midnight Wednesday prior to the regional tournament.**

- To list the names of wrestlers scheduled to compete in the regionals.
- The official state weight management program may be used as a record/worksheet to reference when entering competitors' names into the tournament data program.

(3) These lists are tentative and changes may be made up to and on the day of competition.

- Records of each wrestler within the division in which they are entered must be indicated along with any other pertinent information (record in other weight classes, record against wrestlers in same regional, etc.) which may be useful for the determination of seeding at the coaches' meeting. See paragraphs (4) and (5) of seeding guidelines beginning on pages 45 and 46.
- Schools must take to the regional to which their school is assigned:
 - Copies of minimum weight printouts containing the most recent data on each wrestler that may be entered in the regional.
 - Weight-in records from all meets the team participated in during the two weeks prior to regionals.

(6) Coaches are required to name their final entries by weight class prior to the start of the seeding meeting, not necessarily at weigh-ins.

- All weights recorded by the official on official weigh-in sheets remain official and cannot be changed, or deleted, whether the wrestler competes in that event or not.
- Covering a communicable skin condition is not acceptable and does not make the wrestler eligible to participate. An on-site meet physician may override the diagnosis of the physician signing the physician's release form for a wrestler to participate with a particular skin condition. NF 4-2-3 and 4-2-4.
- Regional tournament hosts may release their competition pairings to the public at the end of the seeding meeting.
- After the regionals, there are no entry **procedures** for schools to complete or forward relative to sectional and State competition.

d. Length of bouts

- All regional and sectional championship matches including wrestlebacks will be six-minutes long – three two-minute rounds.
Regional consolation matches for 5th and 6th place shall be two minute first periods.

(2) All State tournament consolation and/or wrestleback matches will be five-minutes long – one minute first period.

e. Substitutions

- (1) There is a provision in the tournament program permitting replacement of a wrestler who has qualified from one level to the next but is unable to continue (excluding not making weight).
- (2) The provision extends ONLY to
 - (a) Third place wrestler in all regionals
 - (b) Third place wrestlers in all sectional brackets
- (3) There is no provision for moving up any other wrestlers.
- (4) Notification should be given as early as possible so the substitute can prepare. There is, however, no deadline. Substitution can be made up to weigh-in time.
- (5) If substitution is necessary because a first place winner (regional-to-sectional or sectional-to-State) is unable to continue, the second place qualifier will move into the winner's position and the third place wrestler into the second place wrestler's position.

(6) If there is no substitute, the original placements stand.

- (7) If a vacancy occurs because there is no available or eligible substitute, the scheduled opponent receives a forfeit.
- (8) If a wrestler fails to make weight, their opponent receives a forfeit.

(9) A school is expected to IMMEDIATELY notify the WIAA, the school of the substitute wrestler and the tournament host, in the event one of its qualifiers is unable to continue in the tournament program.

- f. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook.
- g. A designated, on-site event, appropriate health-care professional who determines an athlete should not participate, shall not be overruled.

4. GIRLS REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. Scheduling of Competition - Friday, February 13
- b. Except for weigh-in, coaches' meeting, and opening round, no specific time schedule need be established by tournament manager. All regionals must follow a procedure in which starting time of finals is NOT determined UNTIL opening session has concluded. The reason for this procedure is the wide variance in such factors as number of entries per school, available mats, travel, urban-rural setting, etc. Managers must have two separate sessions of wrestling. Time schedules for weigh-ins and first session will be announced on the WIAA website.
- c. Tournament Pairings

Rule book instructions and instructions below apply.

Note: (1) All weight classes – even if there are four or less wrestlers – must be set up and scored as an sixteen wrestler bracket. Scoring must include appropriate points for all ensuing byes. (See d. (2) of SCORING)

- (2) All **tournaments** must conduct wrestleback matches to determine second place. (These matches are to be six minutes in length.)

5. ALL REGIONALS

- a. Regional seeding Information and Procedures
 - (1) **Tournament Management Software** shall be used for seeding of all regional tournaments.
 - (2) Materials to have on hand: Computer, projector and screen.
 - (a) Tournament host should provide to all coaches a list of participants by weight, not by team, with their records. For example, all 100 pound wrestlers should be listed not alphabetically but according to their record, with the best winning percentage listed first and the one with the poorest record listed last.
 - (3) When drawing a bracket, every wrestler shall be seeded and all seeds are placed on the bracket.
 - (4) General considerations.
 - (a) Do not start your meeting early unless all coaches are present and ready to start. The meeting must be conducted by a licensed WIAA wrestling official and they will have final authority.
 - (b) The seeding meeting is a working session and attendance should be limited to coaches and at the host's option, working media. The seeding meeting should not be open to spectators.
 - (c) Prior to the beginning of the meeting, the head official will meet with each head coach in confidence and they shall verify their contestants / wt. class. This means they may alter their line up in any manner as long as the wrestler is eligible for that weight class. Coaches may not request to see nor may the official divulge other school's lineup changes during this process.
 - (d) Final line up changes will now be announced by the head official prior to the start of the seeding meeting.
 - (e) Any ground rules to be used that are not already entered into the **tournament management software** must be established by a simple majority vote of the head coaches present with the official voting if there is a tie.
 - (f) All coaches may appeal for a specific seed by using the following mechanisms:
 - 1) The coach making the appeal shall make a statement regarding factual information indicating a seed is justified.
 - 2) Any head coach present may either support or make a statement of disagreement regarding the request. Their opinion should also be limited to factual information.
 - 3) A simple majority vote of the head coaches present and voting will prevail (a coach does not need to vote). A tie vote means the appeal lost. The head official may not vote on such appeals.

- (g) The following ground rules should be followed.
- 1) Percentage win / loss records of a wrestler will be a basic consideration.
 - 2) All wrestlers are seeded. Those wrestlers with 10 or more matches will be seeded first. Those with less than ten matches will be seeded immediately following.
 - 3) The following criteria should be used to calculate record percentages.
 - a) A wrestler may not assume losses in order to build up their record to the minimum number of 10.
 - b) Only varsity experience shall be counted. It is considered varsity competition if either wrestling is representing their varsity. All varsity experience shall be counted regardless of the weight class the record was earned at.
 - c) Matches won by a forfeit shall be included in the win record of a wrestler. This would not apply if the whole team won by a forfeit. For example, the opposing team did not show up for the contest. Forfeit losses caused by an earlier default in a tournament shall not be included on a wrestler's record unless they return to competition in that tournament.
 - d) Wins and losses resulting from defaults shall be included in a wrestler's record.
 - e) All byes in the championship bracket or consolation bracket received during regular season tournaments will count as wins if the wrestler won their next match in the bracket.
 - 4) A wrestler deserving a seed may not refuse nor request a lower seed (with the possible exception noted in 5c below).
 - 5) If a percentage tie exists, and the wrestlers have not met earlier in the season, the wrestler with the greater number of total matches receives the higher seed.
 - 6) If a percentage tie exists, and they have met earlier in the season, the outcome of that match will get the better seed. Also, if two wrestlers are consecutively seeded (such as 3 and 4) and they have met earlier in the season, the winner of that match will get the better seed. Any ties in seeding criteria (record, number of matches, etc.) will be resolved by a random draw.
 - 7) Excuses for losses, such as illness, are NEVER to be considered.
 - 8) The appeal mechanism as described above is always available.
 - 9) All wrestlers in a bracket will be seeded and when byes exist, the highest seed(s) will receive bye(s).
- (5) Some additional considerations that may be considered through the appeal mechanism.
- (a) In cases where a wrestler has wrestled far fewer times than another wrestler in their weight class, their record need not be considered best. For example, an 18 and 3 record may be considered better than a 9-1.
 - (b) The caliber of competition within which a record has been established may be considered. For example, some good records may have been earned at the expense of junior varsity type opposition.
 - (c) The basic objective of seeding is to place the best wrestlers so that they will advance the furthest in the tournament before they meet. With this in mind, coaches present may, by simple majority vote, do virtually anything they wish. An example of a mechanism that may help resolve a difficult situation is the following: If in a given weight class, there is one wrestler who is clearly superior to all others, they should be given the number one seed. If the next three wrestlers are very close in ability, rather than place one of them in the same half-bracket with the outstanding wrestler, it would be permissible to place these wrestlers in the lower half-bracket. In effect what this does is to allow them to decide the second best wrestler by actually wrestling one another. It would be advisable to identify the number two seed so that they would be placed in the quarter-bracket of the lower half away from the number three and four seeds. Such procedure would, of course, be done by a simple majority vote of the head coaches present.
- b. Additional considerations
- National Federation Rule #10 covers conduct of tournaments as well as bracketing situations.
- c. SCORING
- (1) Place points will be accumulated toward team total as follows:
- (a) 16 points to champion.
 - (b) 12 points to runner-up.
 - (c) 9 points to third-place wrestler (loser of wrestleback finals).
 - (d) 7 points to fourth-place wrestler (loser of first wrestleback).
 - (e) 5 points to fifth-place wrestler.
 - (f) 3 points to sixth-place wrestler.

In 2026-27 the team scoring the most points at the regional qualifies for the Team Tournament Program. Information on this program – including procedures to break ties in the event the regional has more than one team champion – can be found on pages 58 and 59.

- (2) Additional points at the regional level will be scored on the basis of 16 wrestler brackets and accumulate as follows: **Note: No points are awarded for pigtail/preliminary matches.**

(a) Advancement points

- 1) Two points in championship flight competition and one point in wrestleback competition.
 - 2) A wrestler receiving two successive byes will receive advancement points for each if they win their next match.
 - 3) Advancement point scoring for byes apply to the wrestleback bracket as well as the championship bracket.
 - 4) An advancement point is awarded to the wrestler that wins the third place match in regional, even if a final wrestleback match is not necessary.
 - 5) No advancement points are awarded for: Consolation Matches, Championship and final wrestleback matches in regional, or in a weight class with only one wrestler.
- (3) Two points are awarded for each win by a fall, forfeit, default or disqualification.
- (4) One point is given for each decision won by 8-14 points.
- (5) One and one-half points are awarded for each win by a technical fall (15 points or more).
- (6) In an incomplete bracket (anything less than eight) any wrestler receiving a bye will receive four points for their team if they wins their next match (two points for advancement and two points for lost potential pin). If they received two byes before their win, they will receive four points for each bye.

Note: Every wrestler is entitled to the opportunity to score as many points for their team as any other wrestler. It therefore becomes necessary to pay particular attention to situations involving byes. The following is offered to help clarify how to score these situations.

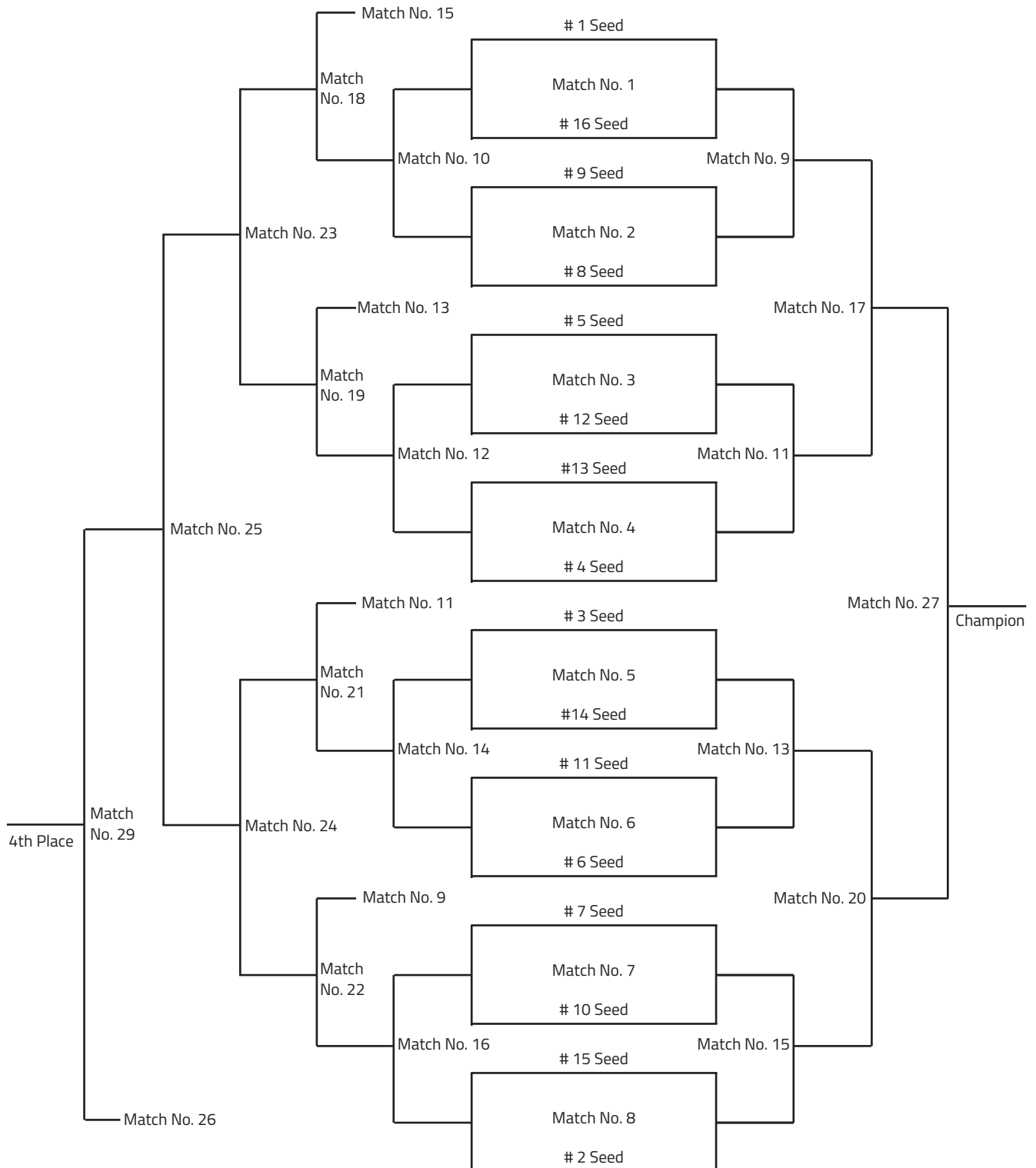
If a wrestler wins their first match, they are entitled to two advancement points and two pin points (a total of four points) for each bye they received before their win. If there are four wrestlers, each has received a bye in the first round (round of 8). If there are only three wrestlers, one has received two byes before their first match.

In the event there are only two wrestlers in the weight class, each has had two byes before they meet for the championship. The winner, therefore, is entitled to four advancement points and four pin points after winning the championship match. They would in addition earn first place points, as well as any points earned by a pin, technical fall, or major decision in the championship match. The loser in this situation is entitled only to second place points.

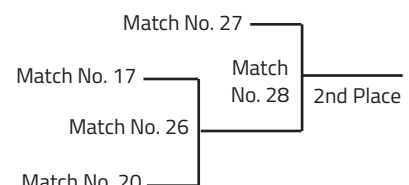
In a weight class with only one wrestler, only place points will be awarded. No advancement points are awarded unless a wrestler competes and wins.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT (Continued)

Girls



- Note:
1. Brackets are labeled reflecting 16 seeds. In most instances fewer than 16 wrestlers will receive seeds. Wrestlers not receiving seeds are placed on bracket according to procedures outlined in 5a.
 2. Matches #26 and #27 must be conducted simultaneously and both are three, two-minute periods
 3. Match #28 (if necessary) will determine the runner-up
 4. Winner of Match #26 receives advancement points even if Match #28 is not necessary.
 5. Team points are earned/awarded through 6th place.
 6. First two finishers advance to sectionals.
 7. A wrestler will be allowed to wrestle-back to fourth place in cases where the fifth place finisher has not met the fourth place finisher.



REGIONAL TOURNAMENT (Continued)

h. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will generally seek to contract officials based on the number of mats used at a tournament site, the number officials contracted will be equal to the number of mats used, plus one. The strength of the regional and number of participants will also be considered. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school. Host schools will be reimbursed by the WIAA for fees and expenses of assigned officials.
- (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating fee
3 officials = \$250 each/4 officials = \$220 each, plus \$12 meal allowance
- (3) Expenses - 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.
One of the officials, as determined by the WIAA, will act as the head official and chairman of the coaches' meeting for purposes of determining the tournament draw.

i. Awards

- (1) Plaque to championship team.

j. 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 - 20% of receipts to cover items such as lights, workers, host manager's fee - \$150, etc. Minimum of \$860.
- (c) The balance remaining after the above items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:
 - 1) 25% to host school.
 - 2) 75% to WIAA.

(2) Participating School Allowances

There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

(3) Ticket Prices

Child/Student/Adult

All Sessions.....	\$7
Finals	\$6

Note: In order to do away with the many problems associated with clearing the gym of patrons during the wrestling regional the following procedure should be used in selling tickets:

- (a) Patrons arriving for or during the opening session will be charged the all session ticket price listed above.
- (b) Patrons arriving for the finals will be charged the price listed above.
- (c) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, a single admission ticket for \$1 for children 6 years of age and under if accompanied by adult.

(4) Admission Policies

- (a) Free admission shall be provided only for:
 - Members of the team - actual number of wrestlers but not more than fourteen.
 - One manager.
 - Head coach and assistant coach.
 - No more than six cheerleaders.
- (b) All Sites
 - 1) Each school in a tournament (including host school whether in tournament or not) shall be allowed no more than two admissions without charge for use by school personnel, designated by the school.
 - 2) Meet officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires along with the tournament manager and a person designated as their assistant shall be admitted without charge but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided with additional tickets for their spouses. Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio and television.
 - 3) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided with complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see the meet at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets to present to these persons.
 - 4) Free admissions permissible under g. (4) (a) and (b) above are not transferable.

7. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS

a. Scheduling of Competition - Friday, February 20

Time schedule will be determined by tournament manager and announced to schools on the WIAA website. Generally, the girls competition will not begin earlier than 4 p.m. and no later than 5 p.m. Tournament manager may (1) establish set times for quarterfinals, semifinals and finals, or (2) start semifinals and finals at given time period following the conclusion of quarterfinals and semifinals, respectively. No specific time

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT (Continued)

schedule is recommended because of wide range of differences in such factors as available mats, travel, urban/rural setting, etc. Managers MUST schedule three separate sessions of wrestling.

b. Tournament Pairings

The **four** regionals will be numbered using Roman numerals, and the eight qualifiers (**two** from each regional) will be paired as follows in all weight classes:

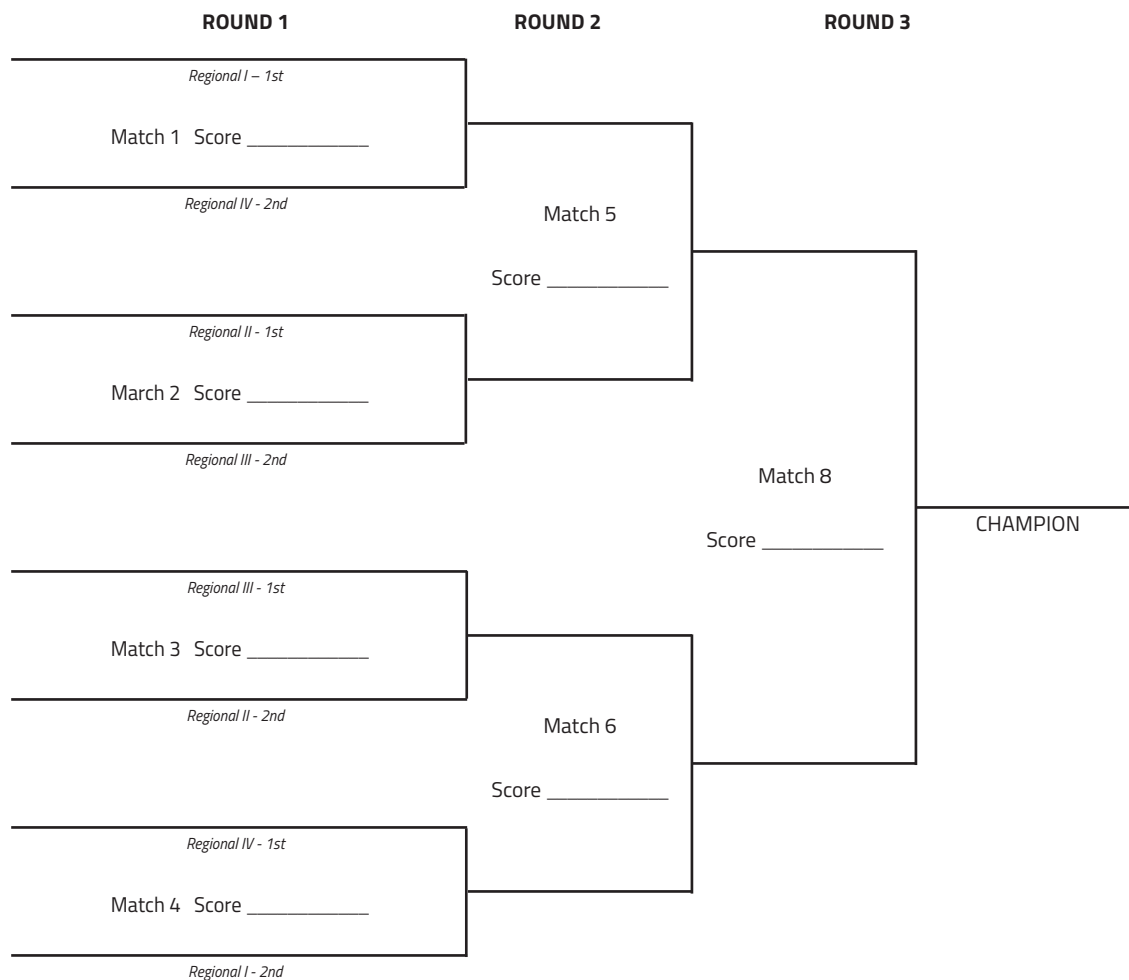
Top Bracket – Reg. I-1st vs. Reg. IV-**2nd** and Reg. **II-1st** vs. Reg. **III-2nd**

Bottom Bracket – Reg. **III-1st** vs. Reg. **II-2nd** and Reg. **IV-1st** vs. Reg. **I-2nd**

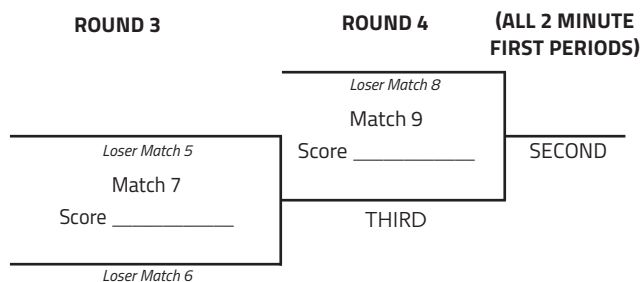
c. Sectional Bracket and Procedures

Championship Matches

(All 2 minute first periods)



WRESTLEBACK BRACKET – GIRLS



Reminder: 1st and 2nd place finishers advance to State.

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT (Continued)

Note: (1) Bouts No. 7 and 8, must be conducted simultaneously and **both are three two-minute periods.**

(3) Match No. 9, (if necessary three two-minute periods) will determine the runner-up.

d. Awards

(1) Medals to first two individuals in each weight classification.

e. Scoring

There is no team scoring at sectionals.

f. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract four officials. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school. Host schools will be reimbursed by the WIAA for fees and expenses of assigned officials.

(2) Officials will be paid:

(a) Officiating fee - **\$230** plus \$12 meal allowance.

(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.

(3) One of the officials, as determined by both officials and the host school manager, will act as chairman of the coaches' meeting.

g. 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 - 20% of receipts to cover items such as lights, workers, host manager's fee - **\$135**, etc. Minimum of **\$860**.

(c) The balance remaining after the above items have been deducted from total receipts shall be allocated as follows:

1) **25%** to host school.

2) **75%** to WIAA.

(2) Participating School Allowances

There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

(3) Ticket Prices

Child/Student/Adult

All Sessions (Rounds 1-5) \$10

Second Session and Finals (Rounds 2-5) \$8

Finals (Rounds 4-5) \$7

Note: In order to do away with the many problems associated with clearing the gym of patrons during the wrestling sectional the following procedure should be used in selling tickets:

(a) Patrons arriving for or during the opening session will be charged the all session ticket price listed above.

(b) Those arriving for or during the second session will be charged according to the price listed for that session and the finals.

(c) Those coming to the finals will pay as listed above.

(d) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, a single admission ticket for \$1 for children 6 years of age and under if accompanied by adult.

(4) Admission Policies

(a) Free admission shall be provided only for:

- Wrestlers actually competing.
- One manager.
- Head coach and assistant coach.
- No more than six cheerleaders.

(b) All Sites

1) Each school in a tournament (including host school whether in tournament or not) shall be allowed no more than two admissions without charge for use by school personnel, designated by the school.

2) Meet officials, scorers, timers, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires along with the tournament manager and a person designated as their assistant shall be admitted without charge but must be properly identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only at those sessions in which they work, and they shall not be provided with additional tickets for their spouses. Provisions should be made for working members of press, radio and television.

3) No other persons from any school or any community (including the host school and community) shall be provided with complimentary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see the meet at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets to present to these persons.

4) Free admissions permissible under g. (4) (a) and (b) above are not transferable.

8. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

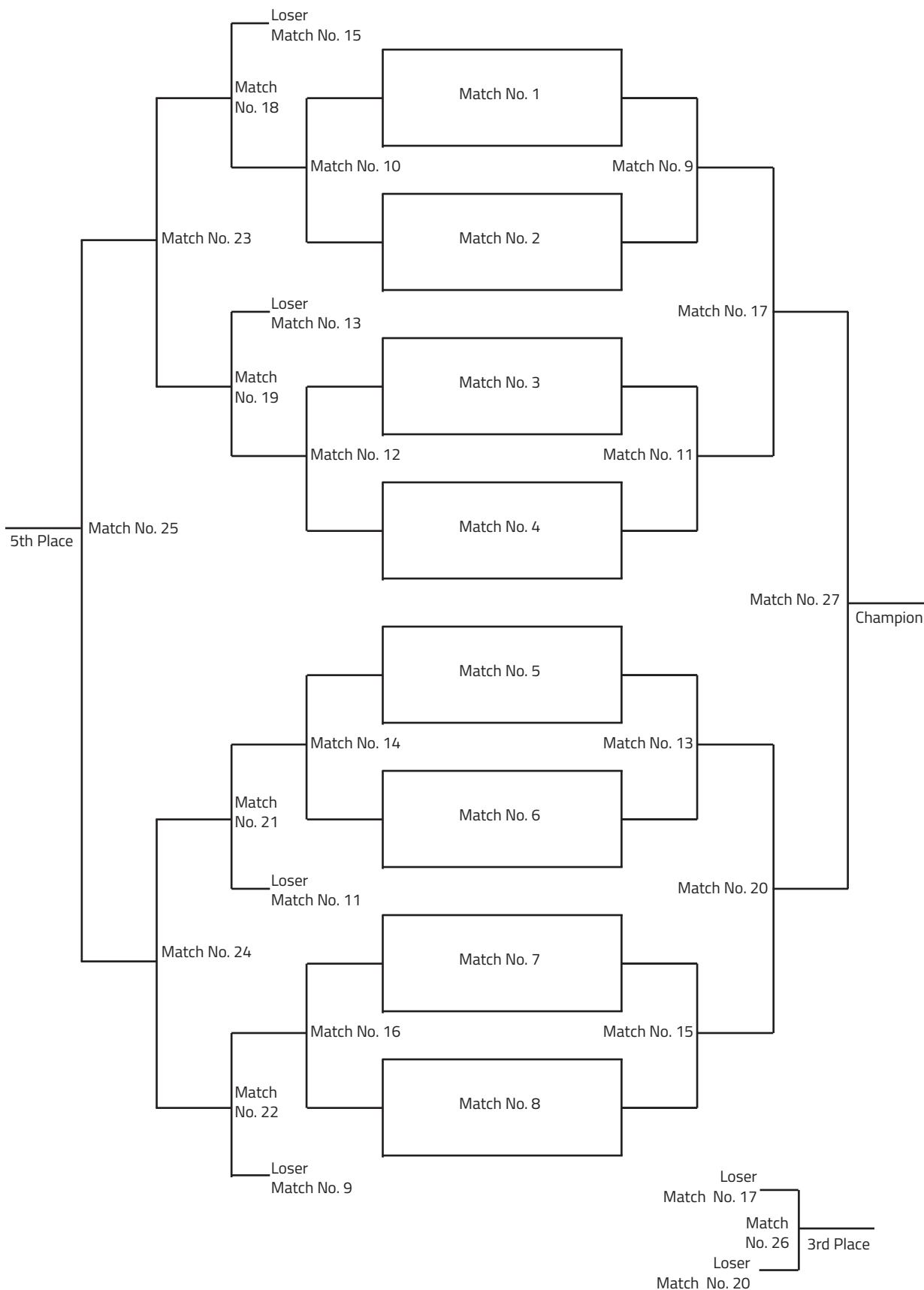
The time schedule for the State Meet Competition will appear on the WIAA website early in the wrestling season. Divisions 1, 2, 3 and girls will begin on Thursday, February 27, with Division 1 and girls weigh-ins set for 12:30 p.m. Wrestling will begin at 2 p.m.

b. Tournament Pairings

At the individual state tournament, seeding criteria will be used for all competitors. **The tournament management software** will seed all 16 wrestlers at the Individual State Tournament using the following criteria:

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|---|--|
| (1) Head-to-head competition | (5) Returning fourth through sixth place finisher from previous season |
| (2) Competition against common opponents | (6) Sectional champion |
| (3) Returning state champion | (7) Returning state qualifier in previous season |
| (4) Returning second or third place finisher in previous season | (8) Winning percentage in the current season |

c. Seeding Information and Procedures



d. Scoring

Girls state team champion and runner-up will be determined based on state individual results.

e. Officials

(1) The WIAA will contract the state tournament officials.

(2) Officials will be paid:

- (a) Officiating fee - **\$140** per session.
- (b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
- (c) Necessary meals and lodging.
- (d) Officials will be expected to travel in one car when practical.

f. Awards

(1) Trophies to champion and runner-up teams.

g. 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 Tournament city at the rate of **70¢** per mile.

Note: No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament city.

(b) **\$60** for each actual participant plus two other persons.

(2) Ticket Prices

	5 Session	Single Session
Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket	\$55*	\$11*

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

(3) Ticket Allocations

Complete information relating to ticket allocation for the State Tournament will be provided to member schools in October via email. All individual State wrestling tickets will be available for purchase online and the remaining tickets will be available at the door on the days of the State Tournament.

(4) Admission Policies

Free admissions shall be provided for the wrestlers actually competing plus two additional persons.

Note: There is no provision for free admissions for either administrators or cheerleaders.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

State Tournament Housing

The WIAA office will not be involved in housing for students in Madison during the State Tournament but will inform schools of possible arrangements for housing in the event a Madison agency is available for this service. Schools are reminded students may not register in hotels and motels in the Madison area during the State Tournament without adult chaperones.

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