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FALL SPORTS REGULATIONS

WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



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
Area Meetings			
Mauston.....	September 15	THESE	THESE
Oconomowoc.....	September 16	DATES	DATES
Rice Lake.....	September 17	WILL BE	WILL BE
Antigo.....	September 22	ANNOUNCED	ANNOUNCED
Mount Horeb.....	September 23	LATER	LATER
Fox Valley Lutheran.....	September 24		
Greenfield.....	September 29		
Special Dates			
Labor Day.....	September 1	September 7	September 6
*Rosh Hashanah.....	September 23-24	September 12-13	October 1-3
*Yom Kippur.....	October 2	September 21	October 10
Thanksgiving.....	November 27	November 26	November 25
Christmas.....	December 25	December 25	December 25
Ash Wednesday.....	February 18	February 10	March 1
Good Friday.....	April 3	March 26	April 14
Easter.....	April 5	March 28	April 16
Annual Meeting.....	April 24	TBD	TBD
Memorial Day.....	May 25	May 31	May 29
*Jewish holidays begin on the evening before and end the evening of the day listed.			
Football			
Earliest Day to Issue Equipment.....	August 5	August 4	August 3
Earliest Day for Practice.....	August 5	August 4	August 3
Earliest Day for First Game.....	August 21	August 20	August 19
Latest Day for Final Game (8 player).....	October 10	October 9	October 8
Latest Day for Final Game (11 player).....	October 17	October 16	October 15
Level 1 - 8 Player.....	October 16-18	October 15-17	October 14-16
Level 1 - 11 Player.....	October 24-25	October 23-24	October 22-23
Level 2 - 8 Player.....	October 24-25	October 23-24	October 22-23
Level 2 - 11 Player.....	October 31-November 1	October 30-31	October 29-30
Sectionals - 8 Player.....	October 31-November 1	October 30-31	October 29-30
Sectionals - 11 Player.....	November 7-8	November 6-7	November 5-6
State Semifinals - 8 Player.....	November 7-8	November 6-7	November 5-6
State Semifinals - 11 Player.....	November 14-15	November 13-14	November 12-13
State Finals - 8 Player.....	November 15	November 14	November 13
State Finals (Week 20) 11 Player.....	November 20-21	November 19-20	November 18-19
Girls Golf			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 6).....	August 11	August 10	August 9
Earliest Day for First Meet.....	August 14	August 13	August 12
Regionals.....	October 1-2	September 30-October 1	September 29-30
Sectionals.....	October 6-7-8	October 5-6-7	October 4-5-6
State (Week 15).....	October 13-14	October 12-13	October 11-12
Girls Tennis			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 6).....	August 12	August 11	August 10
Earliest Day for First Meet.....	August 16	August 15	August 14
Subsectionals.....	October 6-7	October 5-6	October 4-5
Sectionals.....	October 8-9	October 7-8	October 6-7
Individual State (Week 15).....	October 16-17-18	October 15-16-17	October 14-15-16
Team State (Week 16).....	October 24-25	October 23-24	October 22-23
Cross Country (Boys and Girls)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 7).....	August 18	August 17	August 16
Earliest Day for First Meet (Week 8).....	August 26	August 25	August 24
Sectionals (Week 16).....	October 24-25	October 23-24	October 22-23
State (Week 17).....	November 1	October 31	October 30
Girls Volleyball			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 7).....	August 18	August 17	August 16
Earliest Day for First Match (Week 8).....	August 26	August 25	August 24
Regionals (Divisions 2-3-4) (Week 16).....	October 21, 23 & 25	October 20, 22 & 24	October 19, 21 & 23
Regionals (Division 1) (Week 16).....	October 23 & 25	October 22 & 24	October 21 & 23
Sectionals (Week 17).....	October 30 & November 1	October 29 & 31	October 28 & 30
State (Week 18).....	November 5-6-7-8	November 4-5-6-7	November 3-4-5-6
Boys Volleyball			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 7).....	August 18	August 17	August 16
Earliest Day for First Match (Week 8).....	August 26	August 25	August 24
Regionals (if needed).....	October 22	October 21	October 20
Regionals (Week 16).....	October 24	October 23	October 22
Sectionals (Week 17).....	October 30 & November 1	October 29 & 31	October 26 & 28
State (Week 18).....	November 5-6-7-8	November 4-5-6-7	November 3-4-5-6
Girls Swimming & Diving			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 6).....	August 12	August 11	August 10
Earliest Day for First Meet.....	August 20	August 19	August 18
Sectionals.....	November 7-8	November 6-7	November 5-6
State (Week 19).....	November 14-15	November 13-14	November 12-13
Boys Soccer			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 7).....	August 18	August 17	August 16
Earliest Day for First Game (Week 8).....	August 26	August 25	August 24
Regionals (Divisions 1-2) (Week 16).....	October 21 & 25	October 20 & 24	October 19 & 23
Regionals (Divisions 3-4) (Week 16).....	October 21, 23 & 25	October 20, 22 & 24	October 19, 21 & 23
Sectionals (Week 17).....	October 30 & November 1	October 29 & 31	October 28 & 30
State (Week 18).....	November 6-7-8	November 5-6-7	November 4-5-6

Cross Country (Boys and Girls)

SEASON REGULATIONS

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

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

1. PRESEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON

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

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

2. LENGTH OF SEASON

The earliest day practice may begin is Monday of Week 7 (August 18). The season ends with the State Meet on Saturday of Week 17 (November 1).

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.
 - (5) It may be held any time during the regular season or the WIAA tournament series.
 - (6) No score is kept.
 - (7) A win/loss does not count in a team's overall record.
- b. Any interschool scrimmage other than the one described in 4a 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, August 26.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

- The maximum number of meets is 11. 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 meet may be scheduled (but a meet may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved has begun WIAA tournament series competition.
- The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed meets.
- 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.
- Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- A student who participates at both the varsity and nonvarsity levels during the season may not participate in more than 11 meets.
- A student may not run more than one race in each meet.
- Only students eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams may participate on an exhibition basis.
- For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete 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 TOURNAMENT 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

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

11. LICENSED OFFICIALS

One WIAA licensed official (referee-starter) is required, but two are recommended 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 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 TRACK AND FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY RULES, CASE BOOK, and OFFICIALS MANUAL and (b) related publications and interpretations of the National Federation with these additional provisions:

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- The maximum length of a course is 5000 meters for boys and girls. (Rule 8-1-1)
- Measuring wheels on visiting courses must be used for coaching purposes only. If used to question or challenge the length of the course the coach shall be charged with "Unsportsmanlike Conduct." (Rule 8-6-1c)

- c. Any runner, coach, or team personnel who is observed tampering with a flag on the course anytime during premeet warm-ups, competition, or post-meet activities shall be charged with "Unsportsmanlike Conduct". (Rule 8-7)
- d. Any runner who has not reported to the clerk of course prior to the three-minute race countdown shall be charged with "Unacceptable Conduct". (Rule 8-7)

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. Starting Procedure (Rule 8-4-4)

The following starting mechanics and techniques (season and WIAA tournament series) must be used at all meets:

- (1) **STARTERS should not give instructions** nor answer questions after the three-minute countdown. The information given over the public address system must be:

15 minutes to the start of the race

10 minutes to the start of the race

5 minutes to the start of the race

3 minutes to the start of the race – **all runners must have reported to the clerk of course**

2 minutes to the start of the race – **all runners remove sweats, coaches and non-competing athletes must vacate starting box area**

1 minute to the start of the race – **all runners must be positioned, and remain, behind the starting line**

30 seconds to the start of the race

15 seconds to the start of the race

10 seconds countdown to 5 seconds

The **starter** fires the gun when all runners are **"set and motionless."**

- (2) If a public address system is available the entire countdown to 5 seconds is done by the announcer. The starter is responsible only for firing the gun when all runners are set and motionless.
- (3) Other than music used by meet management, noisemakers and audible music will not be allowed at or near the starting line. (Earbuds are allowed.)
- (4) Music should cease two minutes prior to the start of the race.

- b. Uniforms/Equipment (Rule 4-3-1)

- (1) Headwear – **Only headbands, knit caps and durags without flaps which are unadorned except for school name, school nickname or school mascots are legal.** Waivers for other head coverings may be issued for medical situations by the WIAA staff.

- (2) Athletes must compete using the defined appropriate shoes/spikes. Spikes, if allowed, may NOT be longer than 1/2 inch. [Rule 8-6-1a(3)]

- c. Scoring waiver – Scoring shall be based on the first seven team members in accordance with NFHS rules. Schools may request a waiver from the WIAA in order to score additional athletes.
- d. Coaches must report to their school administration within 48 hours following a contest any player or coach ejection. School administrators must then report the ejection to the WIAA via written communication within three (3) school days following the contest. This written communication must also include a plan of action to prevent future ejections. Officials will continue to provide electronic reports to the WIAA.

STATE ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations apply to courses:

- a. Course should be marked no later than 1 1/2 hours before the meet.
- b. Course should only cross pavement, not run along the side of roads, parking lots, and sidewalks.
- c. Natural barriers should be utilized where possible.
- d. Blue flags should be used where the course is not lined or where there might be a question.
- e. Flags should be placed three feet to the side of lines.
- f. The starting line should be established so that lane 1 is on the runners' left.
- g. A visual marker (flag, cone, etc.) must be present 100 meters from the starting line to assist officials with recalls.
- h. Distance from start to first significant turn should be 300 to 400 yards. Double turns should be used instead of 90 degree turns where possible, particularly early in the course.
- i. Course should allow 800 meters before the course narrows and restricts runners to pass.
- j. Chute should be constructed long enough and in such a manner to eliminate potential overflow of runners. (Rule 8-3-4, 8-3-5, 8-4-7 Figure 10)
- k. Course distances should be as accurate as possible. Markers should be clearly visible at each mile with splits provided all runners at those points.
- l. Course should allow 1/2" spikes to be worn.
- m. Meet management must identify the restricted and nonrestricted areas.
- n. The use of lead and trail vehicles/carts is recommended. If only one vehicle/cart is available it should be used in a trail capacity.

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 16 (October 25).

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.

Cross Country (Boys and Girls)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

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

- The largest 120 schools sponsoring cross country in the WIAA membership in Division 1.
- The next largest 122 schools sponsoring cross country in the WIAA membership in Division 2.
- The remaining schools sponsoring cross country 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 **December 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 ten sectionals on Saturday, October 25, 2025.
 - Division 2 – One of eight sectionals on Friday, October 24, 2025.
 - Division 3 – One of eight sectionals on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

It is recommended that whenever possible sectionals be held on Saturday.

 - Assignments of teams to tournaments and host schools for those tournaments will be posted **on the WIAA website < <http://www.wiaawi.org> >**, then access the **Cross Country Home Page**.
- State Meet
 - The State Meet will be held on Saturday, November 1, at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids with Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School as the host.
 - Participating in the State Meet will be:
 - 20 teams in Division 1 and 16 in Divisions 2 and 3.
 - This includes from each sectional.
 - The first two teams.
 - The first five individuals who are not members of a qualifying team.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

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

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

- A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 11 meets.
- A school must compete in a minimum of four meets in the regular season to be eligible for tournament competition.
- A tournament team consists of a maximum of seven individuals. A school with less than a full team (1-4 competitors) is eligible only for individual competition.
 - A school may change its squad make-up from one level of tournament competition to the next.
 - A school is expected to provide their meet manager, by a designated date, an alphabetical list of its participants for purposes of publicity, programs, etc.
- Wireless Communication Devices

The use of wireless communication devices (i.e., headsets, radios, cellular phones, etc.) except by meet management and meet officials is **PROHIBITED**.
- Videotapes/Television Equipment

The use of videotapes or any other television equipment will not be used by the meet manager, the jury of appeals, or chute director to verify or determine:

 - Disqualifications
 - Officiating Decisions

Note: Sectional hosts who choose to use "chip timing" must have a video system and manual timing for back-up. Video review would be used **only** to verify order of finish. Finish places may change based on officials' review of the videotape.

Sectional hosts using manual timing may use a video system as a back-up to the chute to determine finishes when determined necessary. The meet referee will determine the necessity of video review.
- Preventative Officiating
 - The clerk of course, meet referee, and both starters should prior to the start of each race enforce uniform, visible apparel and shoe/spikes.
 - The final responsibility, however, still lies with the athlete and/or coach.
 - Even if the clerk, meet referee, or the starters do not catch something prior to competition, if an athlete competes wearing an illegal uniform/other apparel, and/or uses illegal equipment, they will be disqualified. The disqualification may occur during or after the race. Uniforms follow NFHS Rules 8-6-1 & 2 Penalty, 8-6-3 Penalty.

g. Jury of Appeals

(1) Sectional

- (a) Each tournament site must appoint a jury of appeals consisting of the contracted WIAA starter, the meet manager, and three coaches (at least one boys, one girls) not from the same school or host school.
- (b) The meet referee cannot be a part of this committee.
- (c) The membership of this committee must be published and sent to all involved schools prior to the meet.
- (d) This committee serves as the final board of appeals. Their responsibilities include:
 - 1) Hearing and ruling on appeals of official's decisions.
 - 2) This committee, however, has no authority to set aside, modify, or change defined WIAA tournament qualifying procedures or National Federation Track & Field Rules.
- (e) If anyone on the committee has his/her school involved with an appeal they must withdraw from that particular committee review.
- (f) The WIAA does not have the authority to change a meet referee or jury of appeals decision.
- (g) The meet referee must assemble this committee prior to the start of the meet to review their responsibilities.

(2) State

- (a) The jury of appeals shall consist of: the WIAA Tournament Manager, the State Meet On-Site Coordinator, two contracted WIAA starters, and a coach representing WCCCA.
- (b) Responsibilities and duties are identical to sectional.

h. Box Assignments

The WIAA will assign schools to starting boxes for sectionals and State using a random draw.

i. Length of Course – 5000 meters for both girls and boys for the tournament series (NFHS 8-1)

Scoring (Rule 8-2-1, 2, & 3)

1. All competitors who finish the race shall be ranked and tallied.
2. The team score shall then be determined by totaling the points scored by the first five finishers of each team.
3. The team which scores the smallest number of points is the winner.
4. If fewer than five competitors of a team finish, the places of all members of that team shall be disregarded and the team scores reranked.

Ties (Rule 8-2-4 & 5)

1. Ties in team scoring shall be resolved by comparing the sixth place finishers from the tying teams.
2. The team with the best sixth place finisher wins.
3. If one team does not have a sixth place finisher, the team with the sixth place finisher wins.
4. If only five competitors of tying teams finish, the tie shall be resolved by totaling the scores of the first four finishers.

j. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy

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

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

4. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Entries

- (1) The sectional meet entry deadline is Tuesday, October 21 at 11:59 p.m.
- (2) Any school that misses the entry deadline will still be allowed to enter but their reimbursement will be withheld if their team or individual(s) qualify for the State Meet. The WIAA will also send a letter of reprimand to the school's administration.

b. Scheduling of Competition

The exact time schedule is left to the prerogative of the host school manager. It is recommended that whenever possible sectionals be held on Saturday. The following instructions apply:

(1) Friday Sectionals

- (a) Host schools should schedule their competition with regard for the normal school day.
- (b) Competition should not begin earlier than 4 p.m.

(2) Saturday Sectionals

- (a) Starting times should accommodate schools traveling. Schools should not be expected to leave their community before 7 a.m.
- (b) The WIAA recommends a starting time between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

(3) The boys race must be conducted first.

(4) There must be 90 minutes of course warm-up time prior to the first race.

(5) There must be 45 minutes between the boys and the girls races.

(6) It is not permissible to conduct any kind of other competition, formal or informal, (junior varsity meet, time trials, runoffs, etc.) in conjunction with the sectional meet.

(7) All runners competing in sectionals are required to wear a number provided by the sectional host (WIAA).

c. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract two officials (referee and starter) for each sectional.

- (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - \$100.
 - (b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (c) Officials shall travel together with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.
- d. Awards
 - (1) Plaque to championship and runner-up teams.
 - (2) Medals to:
 - (a) Members (7) of championship and runner-up teams.
 - (b) First five individuals who are not members of a qualifying team, with the individual sectional champion receiving a gold medal (even if he/she is a member of the championship team).
 - (c) It is recommended that meet managers use the following procedures for their Awards Presentations:
 - 1) Read team scores from last to second place.
 - 2) Call up each runner from the second place team reading their name, place, time, and present medal.
 - 3) Present WIAA sectional runner-up plaque to coach.
 - 4) Have second place team stay in Awards Area.
 - 5) Call up each runner from the first place team reading their name, place, time, and present medal.
 - 6) Present WIAA sectional championship plaque to coach.
 - 7) Have first place team also stay in Awards Area.
 - 8) Call up the five individual State qualifiers and present each runner his/her medal.
 - (d) Schools may purchase from the WIAA additional medals for members of the championship and runner-up teams.
- e. Finances
 - (1) Host School Allowance
 - (a) The school will receive \$585, plus consideration will be given for reimbursement of other approved reasonable expenses.
 - 1) Timing company expense \$1,000.
 - (b) The tournament manager will receive \$115.
 - (c) The host school will pay two officials (referee and starter) \$100 game fee and will be reimbursed when the financial form is submitted. One official will be reimbursed 55¢ per mile for travel reimbursement.
 - (d) A host school will not receive any allowances or reimbursements unless the Cross Country Tournament Reimbursement Form is completed and returned to the WIAA office within two weeks of the conclusion of the tournament.
 - (2) Participating Schools Allowance - There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
 - (3) Ticket Prices - If admission is charged, the host school determines the price, but it cannot exceed the State Meet price (\$9).
 - (4) Admission Policy

If admission is charged, only the following people will be allowed free admission:

 - (a) Seven competing runners.
 - (b) Three additional individuals (coaches, managers, etc.)
 - (c) There is no provision for free admissions for school administrators, bands, or cheerleaders.

5. STATE MEET

- a. General Regulations
 - (1) Schools with runners competing in the State Meet are not allowed on any of the land comprising The Ridges Golf Course on Friday including just driving up to the Club House to look around, unless they are doing business at The Ridges (i.e., eating in the restaurant, etc.).
 - (2) Schools qualifying teams for the State Meet may bring only their team, plus one alternate to the State Meet.
- b. Warm-ups
 - (1) The State Meet course will be open for State competitors only to walk/run from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. the Saturday morning of the State Meet.
 - (2) Qualified athletes, alternates and coaches are allowed on the State Meet course during the warm-up time.
 - (3) Teams on the State Meet course wanting to warm up while races are in progress must wait until all runners in the entered race have passed through the area.
- c. Scheduling of Competition
 - (1) Welcome and National Anthem (11:30 a.m.)
 - (2) Competition will commence at 12:00 p.m. with races in the following order:

Boys' Competition 12:00 p.m. – Division 3 12:35 p.m. – Division 2 1:10 p.m. – Division 1	Girls' Competition 1:45 p.m. – Division 3 2:25 p.m. – Division 2 3:05 p.m. – Division 1
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- d. Awards
 - (1) Individual and team awards will be presented at The Ridges beginning 15 minutes after the start of the last race.
 - (2) Trophy to championship and runner-up teams.
 - (3) Medals to:
 - (a) Members (7) of championship and runner-up teams.

- (b) First ten athletes regardless of status (individual or team).
- (c) Schools may purchase from the WIAA additional medals for members of the championship and runner-up teams.
- e. Officials
 - (1) The WIAA will contract four officials (one meet referee and three starters) for the State Meet.
 - (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - \$140.
 - (b) Expenses
 - 1) 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - 2) Necessary meals and lodging.
- f. Finances
 - (1) Host School Allowances
 - (a) The WIAA will subsidize the State Meet in the amount of the net deficit.
 - (b) The WIAA will pay the fees and expenses of three officials (referee and two starters).
 - (2) 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 the State Meet at the rate of 70¢ per mile.
 - (b) No travel allowance will be paid to schools located in the State Meet city.
 - (c) An allowance of \$60 for each actual participant, plus one other person.
 - (3) Ticket Prices Child/Student/Adult – Children two and under do not require a ticket

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*On-line ticket sales subject to processing and handling fees.
 - (4) Admission Policies

Free admissions will be provided only for:

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

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

Football

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. Issuing of equipment and fitness testing may begin on Tuesday, August 5 and the earliest day practice may begin is Tuesday, August 5. Fitness testing is limited to the bench press, squat, dead lift and power cleans, shuttle run, endurance run, dash and vertical jump. No football implements/equipment may be used for testing.
- c. 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. **Football coaching contact ends July 26, 2025. In 2026, July 25 will be the last date for coaching contact for football. See additional details in e. (2) a. below.**
- d. 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.
- e. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as sanctioned school coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with the above:
 - (1) An acceptable nonschool program or activity is one which is not limited to students on the basis of a school affiliation, athletic experience, team status, etc. and no school monies or resources can be applied.
 - (2) The person who will be coaching a student in the following school season shall not be permitted to coach that student other than during the designated school season and Board of Control approved coach contact days in the summertime. Board of Control approved summertime contact is as follows:
 - (a) Sanctioned School Coaching Contact - Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, lacrosse, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded sanctioned school coaching contact between **June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31**, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section.
 - 1) There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no sanctioned school coaching contact prior to (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport. This does not affect nonschool programming.
 - 2) Football must follow the WIAA Fall Acclimatization policy.
 - (b) Nonschool Programming - Coaches in all sports except football have been afforded nonschool program contact beyond the sanctioned school contact days that is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session from the last day of school to the start of school) in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2 - A and C-1) of Rules of Eligibility, Article VI - Nonschool Participation.

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

2. LENGTH OF SEASON

- a. The earliest day practice may begin is Tuesday of Week 5 (August 5) to allow for a **full 8-player and 11-player** season.
 - (1) Friday of Week **14/15** (**October 10 for 8-player and October 17 for 11-player**) for schools participating in the WIAA playoff series and teams participating in 8-player Football.
 - (2) Saturday of Week 15 (October 18) for schools not participating in the WIAA playoff series.
 - (3) Monday of Week 16 (October 20) for all schools' nonvarsity competition.
- b. With WIAA approval, a school not in the playoffs may play a game during the first week of the playoffs.
- c. **Friday of Week 14 (October 10) deadline for changes/additions to football playoff, approved site list.**

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- a. Acclimatization Period
 - (1) Practice Days 1 and 2
 - (a) Helmets and mouth guards only; shorts are recommended.
 - (b) Wrestling or volleyball style kneepads may be allowed, but are not mandatory.
 - (c) All other equipment and pads (e.g. spider pads, hex pads or built-in padding and/or on clothing) are not permitted.
 - (2) Practice Days 3 Through 5
 - (a) Helmets, mouth guards, girdles and shoulder pads only; shorts are recommended.
 - (b) Wrestling or volleyball style kneepads may be allowed, but are not mandatory.
 - (c) All other equipment and pads (e.g. spider pads, hex pads or built-in padding and/or on clothing) are not permitted.

- (3) Full pads may be worn after the acclimatization plan has been satisfied.
- (4) The acclimatization period must be satisfied by all athletes individually.
- b. If multiple practices in a day are utilized (long day), they may not be scheduled on consecutive days. Practices are limited to alternating Short Days and Long Days.
 - (1) Short Day
 - (a) Maximum practice is 3 hours of physical activity plus a 30-minute recovery period.
 - (b) A 30-minute recovery period (rest in a cool environment, pads and helmets off, hydrate) must occur no later than 2 hours into practice.
 - (c) Unrestricted and unlimited access to water throughout physical activity is strongly encouraged.
 - (2) Long Day
 - (a) Maximum of one practice is 3 hours of physical activity plus a 30-minute recovery period.
 - (b) A 30-minute recovery period (rest in a cool environment, pads and helmets off, hydrate) must occur no later than 2 hours into practice.
 - (c) Minimum of a 3-hour break without physical exertion, in a cool environment, with rehydration before the second practice that day.
 - (d) The longer practice, which is limited to 3 hours of physical activity plus a 30-minute recovery period, may be at any time during the day. When combined with an additional helmet-only practice, there must be a 3-hour break between.
 - (e) Maximum additional practice is 1.5 hours with helmets and mouth guards only; knee pads may be allowed.
 - (f) Unrestricted and unlimited access to water throughout physical activity is strongly encouraged.
 - (3) After 10 practices to the end of the season
 - (a) Only one practice allowed per day.
 - (b) Maximum practice is 2.5 hours.
 - (c) A 30-minute recovery period is not required.
 - (d) Monitor weather and heat conditions and adjust appropriately.
 - (e) Unlimited access to water and hydration should be available.
- c. Player on Player Contact

There are five basic types of player on player contact:

 - (1) **Drill contact** - coach determined outcome
 - Air** - Players should run unopposed without bags or any opposition.
 - Bags** - Activity is executed against a bag, shield, or pad to allow for a soft-contact surface, with or without the resistance of a teammate or coach standing behind the bag.
 - Wrap or Control** - Drills run at full speed until contact, which is above the waist with the players remaining on their feet.
 - (2) **Competition/Full Contact** - no coach determined outcome
 - Thud** - Same as wrap but tempo is competitive with no pre-determined winner and the players are not tackling to the ground.
 - Live Competition or Full Contact** - Full contact is defined as football drills or live game simulations where live action occurs - game speed where players execute full tackles at competitive pace taking players to the ground.
 - (3) **Limitations are the following:**
 - Drill Contact (Air, Bags and Wrap) is unlimited. Competition/Full Contact (Thud and Live/Full) has limitations. The Acclimatization Regulations also apply.
 - Week 1** - Only Drill Contact (Air, Bags and Wrap) is allowed and it is unlimited. Competition/Full Contact is not allowed.
 - Week 2** - Drill Contact (Air, Bags and Wrap) is unlimited. Competition/Full Contact (Thud and Live) is limited to 75 minutes per week (excluding a scrimmage).
 - Week 3 and beyond** - Drill Contact (Air, Bags and Wrap) is unlimited. Competition/Full Contact (Thud and Live) is limited to 60 minutes per week (excluding games).
- d. There must be practices on a minimum of 14 different days (including the days in 3. a.) before the first game may be played.
- e. The first eight days of practice may not involve a team from outside the school.
- f. 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, after their 5 days of acclimatization.
- g. 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) Eight different days of practice have elapsed.
 - (2) There is no loss of academic class time.
 - (3) It is held prior to the first game.
 - (4) There is no score in a book or on a scoreboard.
 - (5) There are no kickoffs and the fair catch is employed on all punts.
 - (6) A format other than quarters or halves of play is used.
- b. Any interschool scrimmage other than the one described in 4. a. counts toward the maximum allowed games.
- c. If a school schedules two scrimmages prior to its first game, there must be a minimum of three days without play between scrimmages and between a scrimmage and a game.

- d. Each high school team, i.e., varsity, JV, sophomore, freshman, is allowed one scrimmage.

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

- e. An individual student is allowed to participate in only one day of scrimmage activity. Note: An individual student may participate in multiple levels of scrimmages conducted on the same day.

5. DATE OF FIRST GAME

The first game may not be played before Thursday, August 21 for football.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED GAMES

- a. The maximum number of games for 11-player is nine except that with WIAA approval a school not in the WIAA playoffs may play a 10th game during the first week of the playoffs. The maximum number of games for 8-player is eight except that with WIAA approval a school not in the WIAA playoffs may play a 9th game during the first week of the playoffs. 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 more than one game may be scheduled in the same calendar week, and there must be a minimum of three days without play between games.
- d. A game or partial game (more than one quarter remaining) postponed because of weather or other unusual circumstances may be rescheduled in a week when another game is scheduled provided there is a minimum of three days without play between games.
- e. The WIAA playoffs are not part of the maximum allowed games.
- f. Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- a. It is strongly recommended that a student participate at only one level (varsity or nonvarsity) in the same calendar week.
- b. Under unusual circumstances, as determined by school administration, a student may be a member of two different level teams in the same calendar week. 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.
- c. Under no conditions may a student compete as a member of more than two different level teams in the same calendar week.
- d. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

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

9. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT TOURNAMENT SITE

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

10. CONTEST CONTROL

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

11. LICENSED OFFICIALS

- a. Four WIAA licensed officials are required for all varsity interscholastic competition.
- b. Four WIAA licensed officials are recommended for all nonvarsity contests, but only three are required.

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

- a. 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:
 - (1) A physician available by phone or on location.
 - (2) Phone location and phone numbers available for contacting physician and/or ambulance service.
 - (3) 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. PROSTHETIC LIMBS

National Federation and WIAA rules allow students to compete while wearing prosthetic limbs which are no more dangerous to players than the corresponding human limb and do not place an opponent at a disadvantage.

16. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

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

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- a. The WIAA's adaptation of the 25 yard line tie breaker must be used to resolve all senior high contests (varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, and freshman/sophomore) which are tied at the end of regulation play. (Note: There is no overtime provision for teams with only Grade 9 students.)
- b. The following rule regarding the use of running time must be used:
 - (1) After the first quarter, when the score differential reaches 35 points or more, a mandatory running clock will be used.
 - (2) Normal clock operating procedures resume if the score differential goes back under 35 in the second or third quarters. Beginning with the ensuing kickoff, the clock will run continuously except for the following situations when it will be stopped:
 - (a) Time outs charged to a team.
 - (b) After a score.
 - (c) Intermission between 3rd and 4th quarters.
 - (d) Extended injury time outs.
 - (e) Any time officials determine it is necessary for safety reasons.

Note: 1) Normal clock operating procedures resume when a team scores to make the differential less than 35 points in the second and third quarters. The running clock will be maintained in the fourth quarter even if the score differential goes below 35 points.

2) The use of this rule does not preclude the use of Rule 3-1-3 which reads: "A period or periods may be shortened in any emergency by agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee any remaining periods may be shortened at any time or the game may be terminated."

- c. NFHS rules allow state associations and their member schools to place corporate advertising and/or commercial markings on the field of play. The logos must conform with NFHS rules and the WIAA may reject a host with any sponsorships or advertising for businesses whose primary business is the selling of products (tobacco, alcoholic beverages, lottery, gambling, mood-altering substances and lewd subject matter) prohibited by WIAA advertising policies.

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. It is the responsibility of the host school to have the playing field and immediate sidelines completely enclosed by a permanent or temporary fencing, or by a rope, for purposes of crowd control.
- b. Nonvarsity teams shall be allowed to wear old varsity uniforms which are now unapproved provided participant safety is not jeopardized.
- c. Coaches must report to their school administration within 48 hours following a contest any player or coach ejection. School administrators must then report the ejection to the WIAA via written communication within three (3) school days following the contest. This written communication must also include a plan of action to prevent future ejections. Officials will continue to provide electronic reports to the WIAA.
- d. **If a team forfeits a game for any reason, they are not eligible to play a game for the remainder of that week.**

STATE ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- a. It is recommended that a licensed official be used on the timepiece if the field clock is official.

17. NON-VARSITY TEAMS WITH ONLY GRADE 9 STUDENTS

All preceding rules apply with these additional provisions:

- a. The season ends on Monday of Week 16 (October 20).
- b. The team may have one scrimmage under the condition outlined under Number 4. Scrimmages.
- c. Quarters may be 12 minutes in length.
- d. Games must be terminated at the conclusion of regulation (four quarters) play. (There is no overtime provision)
- e. Four WIAA licensed officials are recommended and three are required.

18. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON GRADE 8 TEAMS

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

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

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

Football

PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY FOR 8-PLAYER AND 11-PLAYER FOOTBALL

1. **SCHOOLS MUST DECLARE FOR 8-PLAYER OR 11-PLAYER TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY BY OCTOBER 1 IN EVEN YEARS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A TWO-YEAR PLACEMENT IN THE 8-PLAYER OR 11-PLAYER TOURNAMENT SERIES.** Programs are not eligible to transition from 11-player to 8-player competition, tournament or join a cooperative team during a required two-year assignment. Any 11-player school, changing to 8-player outside the designated realignment process will be ineligible for the playoffs for the following two-years.

Any 8-player teams desiring to transition from 8-player to 11-player should contact the WIAA office to review their options and understand any sanctions that could be associated with the transition.

PLAYOFF PROCEDURES FOR 8-PLAYER FOOTBALL

1. **SCHOOLS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN 8-PLAYER FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT SERIES WITH THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:**

- a. A 3-year enrollment average of 200 (most recent three years to be averaged) to participate in the post-season tournament. No program is eligible for 8-player playoff consideration in any corresponding next season that its three-year average enrollment exceeds 200.

Note: Schools qualifying with an three-year average enrollment of 200 or less in the first year of the two-year commitment will be allowed to participate in the second year of their two-year commitment regardless if their average three-year enrollment exceeds 200.

- b. Teams that voluntarily withdraw from a conference without conference and WIAA approval shall be ineligible for football playoff consideration the next two school years. The fact that the team which has withdrawn from a conference has thereafter rejoined the same conference, joined another conference, or changed the team status in any other manner during its two-year ineligibility period will not affect its ineligibility for playoff consideration during the two school years that follow its initial withdrawal.

- c. The WIAA Board of Control has given final authority to the WIAA Executive Staff to make necessary determinations in football playoff qualifying procedures in unique situations in order to preserve conference affiliation and to resolve all issues of concern in a manner which serves the greater interest of the membership and the football playoff series.

2. **WIAA POST SEASON**

- a. A 32-team tournament series will be used.

- b. The Tournament Plan

- (1) The tournament playoff field will be determined during Week 14 of the NFHS calendar with games scheduled Weeks 15-19:

- (a) Level 1 - Week 15
- (b) Level 2 - Week 16
- (c) Sectionals - Week 17
- (d) State Semifinals - Week 18
- (e) State Championship Game - Week 19

- (2) After the qualifying procedures are applied and playoff teams are determined, four geographical sections (A, B, C, D) of four teams each will be placed in the bracket with consideration given to geography and limiting excessive travel. Teams will advance through the tournament from the brackets established at Level 1.

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

3. **THE WIAA 8-PLAYER FOOTBALL PLAYOFF FIELD SHALL CONSIST OF 32 TEAMS. TEAMS THAT MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA RECEIVE PLAYOFF CONSIDERATION.**

- a. Teams in 8-player form only one division.

- b. Criteria points are awarded for wins against an opponent. In 8-player the following are the **Tier 1 point** values for teams:

- (1) 8-player school over 200 enrollment (3-year average): 3.3 points
- (2) 8-player school eligible to participate in the tournament series: 3.0 points

- c. Teams are ranked within their own division based upon their total points.

- d. The top 32 teams from the 8-player division will be the qualifying field, set during Week 14 of the NFHS calendar.

- e. The steps to calculate a team's total points for ranking are as follows:

- (1) **Tier 1 points** for each win are added together.
- (2) Divide **Tier 1 points** by the number of games played (max of 8) to get the **Tier 1 score**.
- (3) **Tier 2 points** are calculated by adding together defeated opponents' **Tier 1 points**.
- (4) Divide **Tier 2 points** by opponents' games played and multiply by 8 (this is a 100% bonus to the Strength of Victory) to get the **Tier 2 score**.
- (5) Add **Tier 1 score** and **Tier 2 score** to get the **Playoff Qualifying Score**.
- (6) **8-Player Formula** – The below formula is what is written in 3f1 through 3f5. **(Tier 1 points/games played) + (Defeated opponents' Tier 1 points/opponents games played * 8) = Playoff Qualifying Score**

- f. In the event of a tie in the rankings, the **Tier 3 score** will be compared.

Tier 3 score is calculated by the averaging the defeated opponents' **Tier 2 score**.

- g. Non-conference games that are cancelled are considered no contests. No contests are not counted in the criteria.

- h. Conference games that are not played are considered forfeits.

- (1) If a team replaces a forfeit win with a new game, the forfeit win will count if the team loses the replacement game points.
- (2) If the team wins the replacement game, the replacement game points will be used.

- i. Out-of-state games each opponent is given an equivalent Wisconsin division based on enrollment for the purposes of **Tier 1 points**.

- (1) If the enrollment falls between the Wisconsin cut lines, the lower-enrollment division will be used.

- j. All regular season games that end before 11:59 pm Friday of NFHS Week 14 are counted in the formula.

Note: A game that has been suspended but is tied in the last week of the regular season and is unable to be resumed and completed before the deadline noted will result in a tied game. Ties result in half the point values being earned.

PLAYOFF PROCEDURES FOR 11-PLAYER FOOTBALL

1. DIVISIONAL DETERMINATION

- a. Divisions are calculated before the season starts, based upon the enrollment numbers from the previous school year in the WIAA Directory of Member Schools. Cooperative teams will be listed on the basis of the enrollment of all schools involved.
 - (1) The largest schools are placed in Division 1, the smallest in Division 7.
 - (2) Divisions will be evenly divided based on the number of schools
 - (a) Any remaining schools not placed initially will be placed evenly in larger-enrollment divisions on down
 - (3) If two or more schools have the same enrollment, the previous year's enrollment will be used as the tiebreaker for the sake of determining divisions.
 - (4) Once the initial divisions are set, WIAA Competitive Balance will be applied following the Competitive Balance protocols referenced in Senior High Handbook (Appendix N).

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

2. WIAA POST SEASON

- a. A 32 - team tournament series will be used per division. 11-player has 7 divisions.
- b. The Tournament Plan
 - (1) The tournament playoff field will be determined during Week 15 of the NFHS calendar with games scheduled Weeks 16-20.
 - (2) Level 1 - Week 16
 - (3) Level 2 - Week 17
 - (4) Sectionals - Week 18
 - (5) State Semifinals - Week 19
 - (6) State Championship Game - Week 20

3. THE WIAA 11-PLAYER FOOTBALL PLAYOFF FIELD SHALL CONSIST OF 224 TEAMS. TEAMS WHO MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA RECEIVE PLAYOFF CONSIDERATION:

- a. Teams that voluntarily withdraw from a conference without conference and WIAA approval shall be ineligible for football playoff consideration the next two school years. The fact that the team which has withdrawn from a conference has thereafter rejoined the same conference, joined another conference, or changed the team status in any other manner during its two-year ineligibility period will not affect its ineligibility for playoff consideration during the two school years that follow its initial withdrawal.
 - b. The WIAA Board of Control has given final authority to the WIAA Executive Staff to make necessary determinations in football playoff qualifying procedures in unique situations in order to preserve conference affiliation and to resolve all issues of concern in a manner which serves the greater interest of the membership and the football playoff series.
 - c. Criteria points are awarded for wins against an opponent. In 11-player the following are the **Tier 1 point** values for teams in
 - (1) Division 1: 6.5 points
 - (2) Division 2: 6.0 points
 - (3) Division 3: 5.5 points
 - (4) Division 4: 5.0 points
 - (5) Division 5: 4.5 points
 - (6) Division 6: 4.0 points
 - (7) Division 7: 3.5 points
 - d. Teams are ranked within their division based upon their Playoff Qualifying Score.
 - e. The top 32 teams from each division will be the qualifying field, set during Week 15 of the NFHS calendar.
 - f. The steps to calculate a team's total points for ranking are as follows:
 - (1) **Tier 1 points** for each win are added together.
 - (2) Divide **Tier 1 points** by the number of games played (max of 9) to get the **Tier 1 score**.
 - (3) **Tier 2 points** are calculated by adding together defeated opponents' **Tier 1 points**.
 - (4) Divide **Tier 2 points** by opponents' games played and multiply by 9 (this is a 100% bonus to the Strength of Victory) to get the **Tier 2 score**.
 - (5) Add **Tier 1 score** and **Tier 2 score** to get the Playoff Qualifying Score.
 - (6) **11-Player Formula** – The below formula is what is written in 3f1 through 3f5 (**Tier 1 point**/games played) + (Defeated opponents' **Tier 1 points**/opponents games played * 9) = Playoff Qualifying Score.
 - g. In the event of a tie in the rankings, the **Tier 3 score** will be compared.
 - (1) **Tier 3 score** is calculated by the averaging the defeated opponents' **Tier 2 score**.
 - h. Non-conference games that are cancelled are considered no contests. No contests are not counted in the criteria.
 - i. Conference games that are not played are considered forfeits.
 - (1) If a team replaces a forfeit win with a new game, the forfeit win will count if the team loses the replacement game points.
 - (2) If the team wins the replacement game, the replacement game points will be used.
 - j. Out-of-state games are calculated for each opponent and is given an equivalent Wisconsin Division for the purposes of **Tier 1 points**.
 - (1) If the enrollment falls between the Wisconsin cut lines, the lower-enrollment division will be used.
 - k. All regular season games that end before 11:59 pm Friday of NFHS Week 15 are counted in the formula.
- Note: A game that has been suspended but is tied in the last week of the regular season and is unable to be resumed and completed before the deadline noted will result in a tied game. Ties result in half the point values being earned.

SEEDING AND REGIONAL ALIGNMENT

a. After points have been calculated to determine the Playoff Qualifying Score (PQS), teams will be ranked in that division by the highest PQS down to the lowest PQS. Teams will be assigned a seed based on their rank within their respective division.

b. Rank and seeding

PQS	Seed	PQS	Seed
Rank 1-4	#1 Seed	Rank 17-20	#5 Seed
Rank 5-8	#2 Seed	Rank 21-24	#6 Seed
Rank 9-12	#3 Seed	Rank 25-28	#7 Seed
Rank 13-16	#4 Seed	Rank 29-32	#8 Seed
*Teams are ranked in their division based upon their PQS.			

c. Regional alignment for seeds #1 - #4

(1) For #1 seeds, teams will be assigned and distributed into one of four regions - A,B,C, or D.

(2) For seeds #2 - #4, teams will be assigned to the region where the teams' cumulative total travel distance to each of the #1 seeds is minimized.

(a) #2 seeds will be placed with their closest #1 seed, their likely sectional opponent.

(b) #4 and #3 seeds will be placed directly with their likely Level 2 opponent, the #1 and #2 seeds respectively.

d. Regional alignment for seeds #5 - #8

(1) Matchups prioritize minimal travel distance directly between Level 1 opponents.

(2) For each Level 1 away team seed (e.g., #5 seeds) and their respective home teams (e.g., #4 seeds), all 24 travel distance permutations are calculated, and the matchups with the lowest total travel distances are chosen, with each away team assigned to the region of its paired home team.

Note: Minimizing total travel distance within each region will be prioritized while also considering the longest individual trip. During the calculations, the longest trip assigned to any team within a region will be identified. If an alternative arrangement shortens the longest trip and the reduction in the longest trip exceeds the additional total distance incurred (without increasing total travel by more than 10%), the option with the shorter longest trip will be selected. This ensures that travel burdens are more evenly distributed, preventing any single team from being disproportionately affected by the regional alignment.

e. Disqualifying violations

(1) Once the playoff field is finalized no additions or substitutions to the field will be made. If a disqualifying violation is confirmed the offending school will be removed from the field and the highest seeded team will be given a first round bye. If a disqualifying violation is confirmed after brackets have been announced, the opponent of the disqualified team shall advance regardless of their bracket position and no other adjustments shall be made within the bracket.

PLAYOFF DATES AND TIMES

a. Unless permission is received from the WIAA, all playoff games will start at:

8-Player Playoff Dates and Times		
Week 14	8-Player	Friday, last day for game. Saturday, seeding and pairings released.
Week 15	8-Player	Thursday or Friday, Level 1 Game: 7 p.m. start. Saturday, Level 1 Game: 1 p.m. start.
Week 16	8-Player	Friday, Level 2 Game: 7 p.m. start.
Week 17	8-Player	Friday, Sectionals: 7 p.m. start.
Week 18	8-Player	Friday, Semifinals: 7 p.m. start (neutral sites)
Week 19	8-Player	Saturday, Championship: 1 p.m. start
11-Player Playoff Dates and Times		
Week 15	11-Player	Friday, last day for game. Saturday, seeding and pairings released.
Week 16	11-Player	Friday, Level 1 Game: 7 p.m.
Week 17	11-Player	Friday, Level 2 Game: 7 p.m.
Week 18	11-Player	Friday: Sectional: 7 p.m.
Week 19	11-Player	Friday: Semifinals: 7 p.m. (neutral sites)
Week 20	11-Player	Thursday and Friday Championship games

The WIAA will have final authority to determine location, dates and start times.

Note: 1. At Levels 1, 2 and sectionals, if travel is more than 120 miles between opponents, the game will be played on Saturday unless both schools agree to play on Friday.

2. At Levels 1, 2 and sectionals, if both schools agree, the game may be played on Saturday, no earlier than 1 p.m. and no later than 7 p.m. If agreement on start time cannot be reached by participating teams, Saturday game start time will be 4 p.m.

3. At any level, where a neutral site is determined to be necessary, the WIAA reserves final authority to determine location, dates and start times when participants and/or host site are at an impasse.

4. If a neutral site is requested by a participating school, the game will be scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m. If schools mutually agree, the game may be played at an alternate time on Saturday.

5. At any level, where a neutral site is determined to be necessary, the WIAA reserves final authority to determine location, dates and start times when participants and/or host site are at an impasse.

6. In the event of inclement weather or other circumstances causing a game to be postponed either prior to start of play or suspended after play has begun, the WIAA office and game manager will decide on all aspects of rescheduling.

(2) State Finals

- (a) The 11-Player State Finals Championship games will be played Thursday and Friday, NFHS Week 20 at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison. Four championship games will be played on Thursday, Divisions 7, 6, 5, and 4 at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in that order. Three Championship games will be played on Friday, Divisions 3, 2, and 1 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. in that order.
- (b) The 8-Player State Final Championship game will be played Saturday, NFHS Week 19 at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln H.S. The championship game will be played at 1 p.m.

3. DETERMINATION OF HOST SCHOOL FOR 11-PLAYER LEVELS 1, 2, SECTIONALS AND STATE SEMIFINALS GAMES AND 8-PLAYER LEVEL 1, 2 AND 3 GAMES

The WIAA will determine the approved site list for all levels of the football playoffs. **The football approved site list and availability will be maintained as previously established. Any changes/additions to the football playoff approved site list must be submitted by Friday of NFHS Week 14.** Minimum seating capacity, crowd control, press box facilities and field condition are among the standards used to determine what facilities are on the approved site list. Schools may host playoff games at other than their own facility provided appropriate arrangements for that other facility have been made and it is on the approved site list. The approved site list will be posted on the WIAA website and emailed to schools. The actual sites for Level 1 games will not be announced until the 224 schools participating in the playoffs have been determined.

The WIAA office has received the final authority from the Board of Control to decide location of all playoff sites on the basis of (a) interpretation of provisions of this section heretofore and hereafter mentioned and (b) determination of adequacy of facilities for a particular game. School administrators should understand that even though their school is on the approved site list, their facilities may not be regarded as adequate to host second, third and fourth round games. Usually, they will be adequate for a first round game, but participating schools expect more than adequate facilities for Levels 2, sectionals, and State Semifinals play and, where better facilities are available, such facilities may take precedence even though a participating school is on the approved list.

Note: 1. Schools which share a common facility must file their hosting priority plan with the WIAA, when both schools are willing, or may be eligible to host a playoff game. Two games will not be scheduled at the same site/same level on grass fields. More than one game may be scheduled at the same site/same level if the games are played on an artificial turf field.

2. Fields with high school width goal posts will be used for all levels of playoff games.
3. At any level, when a college field is used, the WIAA has the final authority to set dates and starting times when participants and/or host sites are at an impasse. College goal posts may be used in playoff games at top quality facilities where changing goals would be impossible or result in great expense.
4. At any level, when a field is used which does not have lights and/or cannot host due to darkness, the WIAA has the final authority to set date and starting time of game when participants and/or host site are at an impasse.
5. At any level, where a neutral site is determined to be necessary, the WIAA reserves final authority to determine location, dates and start times, when participants and/or host site are at an impasse.
6. Schools may host a playoff game at a facility other than their own provided proper arrangements have been made with administration and the WIAA has been notified of this arrangement in advance of the October deadline.
7. If the host school's field is not usable, a substitute field can be used provided it is on the approved site list and available.
8. When unexpected situations arise at anytime during the playoffs, the WIAA is authorized to use best discretion and judgement to meet and resolve issues of concern in accordance with Association provisions and the greater interests of the playoffs.
9. A school which is designated as a host school and voluntarily relinquishes its hosting opportunity after the field has been determined will have the opportunity counted as hosting for succeeding levels.
10. During the 8-Player Tournament, 100-yard fields and NFHS-approved dimensions are used at neutral and State Tournament sites.

The following procedures will be followed to determine host locations for WIAA Football Playoff games.

Level 1

1. The highest seeded team will host if on the approved site list unless a neutral site is deemed to be necessary. If that school is not on approved site list, the opponent will host if on approved site list.
2. **Schools not on the approved site list may be allowed to host at Level 1 provided their facility will adequately accommodate the games they have indicated their willingness to host, and neither school is on the approved site list.**
3. If neither school can host due to facility limitations, a neutral site will be considered by the WIAA.

Level 2

1. The highest seeded team will host if on the approved site list unless a neutral site is deemed to be necessary. If that school is not on approved site list, the opponent will host if on approved site list.
2. **Schools not on the approved site list may be allowed to host at Level 2 provided their facility will adequately accommodate the games they have indicated their willingness to host, and neither school is on the approved site list.**
3. If neither school can host due to facility limitations, a neutral site will be considered by the WIAA.

Sectionals

Neutral sites will be used if at the sole discretion of the WIAA travel time is deemed excessive, neither school is on the approved site list, and/or the WIAA office determines a host school site inadequate. If a neutral site is not necessary, the following will be applied to determine the host school:

1. The highest seeded team will host if on the approved site list unless a neutral site is deemed to be necessary. If that school is not on approved site list, the opponent will host if on approved site list.

Note: If schools are not on the approved site list, neutral sites will be used at sectionals.

At any level where a neutral site is determined to be necessary, the WIAA reserves final authority to determine location, dates and start times when participants and/or host site are at an impasse.

State Semifinals

The WIAA will determine the most desirable neutral site for all State Semifinal games. Geography, available sites, and other factors heretofore outlined for other levels will also be applied.

4. RULES GOVERNING PLAYOFF COMPETITION – ALL LEVELS

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 16 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 12 and 13) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

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

Note 1: Lotteries, raffles, fundraising, contests, campaigns and solicitation are prohibited at WIAA Playoffs.

- 2: At all WIAA tournament sites, the public address system is only to be used for announcements necessary for the administration of the contest.
- 3: Where rules are not specified in the 8-player section, 11-player rules shall apply (i.e. hosting, dates and times, rules governing playoff competition, neutral sites, Levels 1, 2, sectionals and State Semifinals).

a. Game Film Exchange:

Teams meeting in the playoffs will exchange copies of their 2 most recent games at the seeding meeting if possible. Note: Teams are required to exchange their two most recent game films at every level of the playoffs. All game film exchanges must be completed by 12:01 a.m. on Sunday following the last game. Those coaches without HUDL must bring DVDs to burn copies of game films.

b. Rosters

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

Note: See reimbursement limitations under Tournament Finances Section in HANDBOOK.

c. Jersey Colors

The host team shall wear their home jerseys in Levels 1-2-sectionals. At neutral sites, the following procedure will be used. The first school alphabetically will wear white jerseys during the even-numbered years (2026, 2028, etc.), and the second school alphabetically will wear white jerseys during the odd-numbered years (**2025**, 2027, etc.).

d. Game Balls

For playoff games at sectionals, State Semifinals and the State Finals, only Wilson footballs may be used. For Levels 1 and 2, any legal football may be used.

Note: Wilson will provide one new game ball to each team qualifying for sectionals and State Semifinals playoff games.

e. Coin Toss

The team wearing dark colored jerseys shall be heads. The team wearing white jerseys shall be tails.

f. Only the designated number of players, comparable to a normal traveling squad for a regular season game, will be permitted to enter the playing area and allowed to be on the sidelines during the contest.

g. Game management, with assistance from the WIAA, if necessary, will determine which school will use the home side of the field as its sideline in all Levels 1, 2, sectionals, and State Semifinal games.

h. Schedule Changes

- (1) School Closure due to Infectious/Communicable Disease

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.

- (2) Schedule Changes Because of Conflicts with other WIAA Tournaments.

Host and participating schools hopefully work cooperatively to adjust times of games if either or both are also in the State Volleyball Tournament, or if there are any other conflicts (i.e., swimming, soccer, etc.) during the playoffs.

- (3) Rescheduling Because of Weather

In the event of inclement weather or other circumstances causing a game to be postponed either prior to start of play or suspended after play has begun, the WIAA and game manager will decide on all aspects of rescheduling.

i. Space for Teams' Representative in Press Box/Communication Center

Space should be adequate to provide for (in order of priority):

- (1) Game management personnel, i.e., scoreboard operator(s), announcer, and spotter to assist the announcer.
- (2) One position for each participating team.
- (3) Space to accommodate media personnel that might be expected, i.e., radio, newspaper.

Have equal space available for both teams. It is not required that you provide field phones for both teams. If, for example, you have only one set, you may leave them in place for whichever team is assigned that bench or they may use their own. Ultimately the participating schools are responsible for furnishing their own field phones and filming equipment.

The host is responsible only for being certain both schools have equal "space" available from which to spot and/or film.

j. Length of Half Time

The half time will be 15 minutes plus the 3 minute warm-up.

k. Sideline Heaters

Sideline heaters are permissible if the participating schools wish to provide them themselves. They should not be allowed, however, if they cause the host school additional expense, pose any kind of safety problem, or block the view of spectators.

l. National Anthem

The host school decides which school will play the National Anthem. If both schools have a band present and wish to play, a coin toss will decide the school.

m. Lotteries, raffles, fundraising, contests and solicitation are prohibited at WIAA Playoffs.

n. State Tournament game ball will be: Wilson

Note: For other details see 2025 Football Playoff Manual

o. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy

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

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

5. LEVELS 1, 2, SECTIONALS, AND STATE SEMIFINAL GAMES**a. Officials**

(1) The WIAA will contract 5-man crews, meeting specified criteria, to work all games.

(2) Officials will be paid:

(a) Officiating Fee - \$95. Checks and contracts will be issued by the host school.

(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) There is no separate meal and/or room allowance.

b. Awards

(1) Playoff Qualifying Plate: Each team (224 11-Player and 32 8-Player) will receive an engraved plate in recognition of its qualifying for participation in the playoffs. Schools qualifying for the Football Playoffs for the first time since 1999 will receive a playoff plaque and attached plate.

(2) 11-Player sectionals and 8-Player sectionals:

(a) Plaque to championship team only.

(3) 11-Player State Semifinals and 8-Player State Semifinals:

(a) Medals to members of both teams.

Medals teams receive:

Division 1 - 60	Division 3 - 52	Division 5 - 44	Division 7 - 38
Division 2 - 56	Division 4 - 48	Division 6 - 40	8-Player - 24

d. Finances

(1) Host School Allowance

(a) A financial report on forms 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) The school will receive 35% of receipts or \$770, whichever is greater to cover such items as workers, lights, chain crew, etc., including game managers fee of \$110.

2) Fees and expenses of officials.

(c) The WIAA will receive the balance of receipts to cover tournament administrative costs, awards, etc.

Note: The WIAA may make special financial arrangements, if necessary, with host schools which conduct playoff games in nonschool facilities. However, these arrangements must be approved in advance by the WIAA.

(2) Ticket Prices

(a) Prestate championship playoff (each game)

Child/Student/Adult Level 1 - \$6 Level 2 - \$6 Sectionals - \$7 State Semifinals - \$7

(b) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permits, a \$1 ticket for children under 6 years of age, if accompanied by a parent.

(3) Ticket Allocations

(a) It is expected that determination of prestate championship sites will rest heavily on seating capacities of the host school; thus, there may be no need to allocate tickets. However, in the event a policy is necessary, the following will be applicable:

1) If host school is one of two teams playing a game, no less than 50% of the tickets must be made available to the visiting team.

2) If host school is not one of the two teams playing a game, each of the two participating schools must be given an opportunity to purchase a minimum of 45% of the tickets with the remainder to be allocated at the discretion of the host school.

(4) Admission Policies

(a) Each school participating in a playoff game shall be allowed free admissions in the form of field passes for a party comparable to a normal traveling squad, in uniform.

(b) Each school playing in a prestate championship playoff, BUT NOT championship game, shall be allowed free admissions for:

1) A maximum of eight cheerleaders.

2) 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.

3) Game officials, ticket takers and sellers, ushers and concessionaires along with the game manager and a person designated as assistant shall be admitted without charge but must be identified by means of a ribbon or tag. Workers are entitled to free admission only for themselves, and may not be provided with an additional ticket for a companion.

4) Provisions must be made for working members of press, radio and television services.

5) No other persons from any school or any community (including host school and community) shall be provided with complimen-

tary admissions. If the host school wishes to permit its usual complimentary ticket contingent to see a game at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets for such persons.

- 6) Free admissions permissible under the above paragraphs are not transferable.
- 7) **If a band performs on or off the field prior to or during intermission of a game or if a host school band participates in pre-game activities, free admission shall be given to band members.**

- e. Footballs - Game managers at Levels 1, 2, sectionals, and State Semifinal games should instruct participating schools to provide their own footballs. Note: Only Wilson footballs may be used at sectionals and State Semifinals. Wilson will provide one new game ball to each team qualifying for sectionals and State Semifinal playoff games.

6. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) The 11-Player games at Camp Randall Stadium will be scheduled as follows:
 - (a) Thursday, November 20, at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7 p.m. - Divisions 7, 6, 5, and 4 in that order.
 - (b) Friday, November 21, at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. - Divisions 3, 2, and 1 in that order.
- (2) The 8-Player State Final Championship game will be played Saturday, November 15 at Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln H.S. The championship game will be played at 1 p.m.

b. Officials

- (1) The WIAA will contract 5-man crews to work all games.
- (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - \$140 Chain Crew - \$55
 - (b) Expenses - 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel.
 - (c) Officials shall travel together with mileage paid to one official. If officials choose to travel separately, the mileage for the longest trip may be split between the officials.
 - (d) Officials shall receive reimbursement for necessary food and lodging expenses.

c. Awards

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

Medals teams receive:

Division 1 - 60	Division 3 - 52	Division 5 - 44	Division 7 - 38
Division 2 - 56	Division 4 - 48	Division 6 - 40	8-Player - 24

d. Finances

(1) Allowance to Participating School

- (a) Schools participating in the 11-Player State Football Playoffs in Madison shall receive expense allowances as follows:

- 1) \$2 per round trip mile, plus
- 2) \$1800 if less than 75 miles from Madison, or
- 3) \$2180 if less than 150 but more than 75 miles, or
- 4) \$2545 if over 150 miles.

Hotel accommodations, when deemed necessary and cleared in advance, may be authorized in addition to the above allowances. Schools less than 50 miles from Madison will not be reimbursed for lodging (\$2250).

- (b) Schools participating in the 8-Player State Football Championship shall receive expense allowances as follows:

- 1) \$2 per round trip mile, plus
- 2) \$1300 if less than 75 miles from Championship venue, or
- 3) \$1565 if less than 150 but more than 75 miles, or
- 4) \$1960 if over 150 miles.

(2) Ticket Prices

- (a) Championship playoffs - 11-Player (Child/Student/Adult) - Children two and under do not require a ticket

- 1) Thursday - Day 1.....\$30 *
- 2) Friday - Day 2.....\$25 *
- 3) Single Game.....\$11 #

#Ticket holders leaving the stadium will need to purchase ticket to return.

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

- (b) Championship - 8-Player (Child/Student/Adult) - Children two and under do not require a ticket.....\$11 *

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

(3) Ticket Allocation

- (a) In view of the number of seats available at Camp Randall Stadium, there will be no special allocation of tickets for the championship games but seats (all unreserved) will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
- (b) Complete information relating to tickets for the championship games will be provided to member schools via email.

(4) Admission Policies

- (a) Each school participating in a playoff game shall be allowed free admissions in the form of field passes for a party not to exceed: The normal traveling squad in uniform plus eight additional people (coaches, assistant coaches, trainers and managers).

- (b) For WIAA team championships, where space is available, one complimentary ticket will be provided to the athletic director and principal of participating schools for their personal use. These tickets are not transferable and will be provided upon request.
- (c) Free admissions are not transferable.
- (d) There is NO provision for free admission for bands whether or not they perform.
- e. Footballs - The WIAA will provide game balls for State Final games. Participating teams must provide their own warm-up balls. The State Tournament Game Ball will be: Wilson. **Schools may provide their own game balls for State Finals, as long as they are WILSON.**

Golf (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 6 (August 11). The season ends on Tuesday of Week 15 (October 14).

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

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

4. SCRIMMAGES

- a. Any interschool scrimmage counts toward the maximum allowed meets.

5. DATE OF FIRST MEET

The first meet may not be held before Thursday, August 14.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

- a. Maximum number of meets is 15 if one meet is scheduled on a non school day. Schedules of all teams should be clearly published and separated by level for each team sponsored by a school.
- b. Conference tournaments must be included in count of regular season maximums.
- c. No meet may continue more than two days.
- d. No meet may be scheduled (but may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved have begun WIAA tournament series competition.
- e. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed meets.
- f. Competition involving students not eligible for the school's official interscholastic teams (e.g., Grade 7-8 students) must be conducted at a time other than during the period (start to finish) of a meet.

- g. Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.
- h. A two-day meet will count as one meet when scores for all teams are combined total of the two days played and awards can only be given for two day total scores.

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

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

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

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

9. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT TOURNAMENT SITE

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

10. CONTEST CONTROL

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

11. LICENSED OFFICIALS

NOT APPLICABLE

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

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

13. CONCUSSION AND/OR UNCONSCIOUS PARTICIPANT

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

14. OXYGEN AND FLUIDS PROVIDED INTRAVENOUSLY

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

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

15. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

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

ADAPTATIONS TO USGA RULES

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

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

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

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

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

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

16. WIAA SEASON REGULATIONS SUPERSEDE USGA RULES.

17. NON-VARSITY TEAMS WITH ONLY GRADE 9 STUDENTS

The above rules apply with these additional provisions:

- a. The season ends on Saturday of Week 15 (October 18).

18. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON GRADE 8 TEAMS

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

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

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

Golf (Girls)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

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

- By enrollment the largest 60 percent of the schools sponsoring girls golf will be Division 1 and the remaining 40 percent will be 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 **December 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 12 regionals on Wednesday or Thursday, October 1 or October 2 (or earlier by mutual consent) with the first four teams and top four individuals, who are not members of a qualifying team, qualifying for one of six sectionals (eight teams plus eight individuals) Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, October 6, 7 or 8.
 - Division 2 – One of nine regionals on Wednesday or Thursday, October 1 or October 2 (or earlier by mutual consent) with the first three teams and top three individuals, who are not members of a qualifying team, qualifying for one of three sectionals (nine teams plus nine individuals) on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, October 6, 7 or 8.
 - The first two teams and top three individuals, who are not members of a qualifying team, in each sectional will participate in the State Tournament on Monday and Tuesday, October 13 and 14 at University Ridge, Madison.

Note: Assignment of teams to tournaments and host schools for these tournaments can be found on the WIAA website < www.wiaawi.org >.

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 24 and 25) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

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

EXCEPTIONS

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

ADDITIONS

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

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

- Competition will be medal play.
 - Sectional play is 18 holes.
 - State play is 36 holes unless conditions exist that reduce the number of holes as determined by the Games Committee.
- Playoff Procedures (Regional and Sectional).

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

- When conditions allow, a playoff should be held to break individual or team ties that determine who advances to the next level. Playoffs are on a sudden victory (hole-by-hole) basis.
- When conditions do not allow play to be held to break individual or team ties, the scorecard will be used to break the tie using the following procedure:

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

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

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

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

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

Playoff at State Meet

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

- f. An online Individual Entry Form provided to all participating schools must be completed by participating schools and be submitted by the date indicated. Changes in the line-up of five competitors may be made until one hour before the start of competition or until a reasonable time as determined by the host school manager. A school whose team qualifies from one tournament level to another may make changes in its five competitors at each tournament level, but schools which qualify only an individual (or more than one individual) may not make changes.
- g. In the event weather prevents completion of a tournament, the winning teams and individuals will be determined on the basis of the last complete nine holes of competition. The Games Committee shall make decisions regarding suspension or continuation of play due to weather.
- h. Galleries are permitted where allowed by course rules; however, galleries must stay on cart paths or in the rough. Galleries at the state tournament will be restricted to the cart paths.
- i. No nonvarsity competition or practice is allowed in conjunction with a WIAA tournament.
- j. Practice putting on a previous green is not allowed during the regular season and WIAA tournament series.
- k. Carts will not be allowed at any WIAA tournament event for spectators, except spectators who have been issued a disability parking certificate or disability license plate by the state of Wisconsin or that are physically disabled under the Americans with Disability Act will be allowed to rent carts. One electric cart will be allowed for use during the State Meet. Expenses for this cart need to be handled by the coach/school making the request. Coaches choosing to use an electric cart will be required to remain on the cart paths. In addition: players, parents, and spectators may NOT be given rides. This one cart is only for the coaching staff. Coaches are allowed to carry players' clothing, food, umbrellas, water, allowed energy drinks (see the WIAA Banned and Discouraged list), etc.

Carts can be purchased at the State venue. A card will be provided to be placed in the tee times display of the cart. This allows State Meet Managers to regulate coaches' carts.

- l. **WIAA Tournament UAV Policy**

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

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

4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. **Scheduling of Competition**

- (1) The host school determines the date and time of competition at the regional level within the dates specified under Section 2, and participating schools will learn this information via the WIAA website.

Note: The date of a WIAA golf tournament may not be moved ahead of the scheduled days without prior WIAA approval and approval of all schools involved.

- b. **Awards**

- (1) Plaque to championship team.

- c. **Finances**

- (1) **Host School Allowances**

- (a) The school will receive \$110.
- (b) The tournament manager will receive \$90.

Note: Greens fees and balls will be the obligation of each participating school.

- (2) **Participating Schools Allowance**

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

5. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

- a. **Scheduling of Competition**

- (1) The host school determines the date and time of competition at the sectional level within the dates specified under Section 2, and participating schools will learn this information via the WIAA website.

Note: The date of a WIAA golf tournament may not be moved ahead of the scheduled days without prior WIAA approval and approval of all schools involved.

- b. **Awards**

- (1) Plaque to championship team.
- (2) Medals to members (6) of championship and runner-up teams and first five individuals.
- (3) The individual qualifiers (3), who are not members of a team, will receive a medal even if they do not place in the top five.

- c. **Finances**

- (1) **Host School Allowances**

- (a) The school will receive \$110.
- (b) The tournament manager will receive \$90.

Note: Greens fees and balls will be the obligation of each participating school.

- (2) Participating Schools Allowance
 - (a) There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

6. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

The following time schedule will be followed:

Monday, October 13	8 a.m. - Tee off for Division 1 8:48 a.m. - Tee off for Division 2
Tuesday, October 14	8 a.m. - Tee off for Division 1 8:48 a.m. - Tee off for Division 2

b. Awards

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

c. Finances

(1) Participating Schools Allowance

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

- (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city at the rate of 70¢ per mile.

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

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

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

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

(3) Admission Policies

Free admission will be provided only for:

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

Soccer (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.

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- 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.
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 - 2) Football must follow the WIAA Fall Acclimatization policy.
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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 7 (August 18). The season ends with the State Tournament concluding on Saturday of Week 18 (November 8).

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

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

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

4. SCRIMMAGES

- a. One scrimmage, over one day, with another school or schools may be conducted in addition to the maximum allowed 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) A school may not scrimmage against a nonschool affiliated club team.
 - (2) Three different days of practice have elapsed.
 - (3) There is no loss of academic class time.
 - (4) Each high school team, i.e., varsity, JV, sophomore, freshman, is allowed one scrimmage.
 - (5) An individual student is allowed to participate in only one day of scrimmage activity. Note: An individual student may participate in multiple levels of scrimmages conducted on the same day.
 - (6) There is no score in a book or on a scoreboard.
 - (7) A win/loss does not count in a team's overall record.
 - b. Any interschool scrimmage other than the one described in 4. a. counts toward the maximum allowed games.
- Note: If either school counts a scrimmage as a game, it must be counted as a game for both programs, schools or teams.

5. DATE OF FIRST MATCH

The first match may not be held before Tuesday, August 26.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED MATCHES

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

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

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

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

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

9. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT TOURNAMENT SITE

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

10. CONTEST CONTROL

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

11. LICENSED OFFICIALS

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

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

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

- a. 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:

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

13. CONCUSSION AND/OR UNCONSCIOUS PARTICIPANT

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

14. OXYGEN AND FLUIDS PROVIDED INTRAVENOUSLY

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

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

15. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

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

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

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

Note: Any team whose players and coaches, during the regular season, collectively receive a total of 24 or more yellow cards (including all second yellow/red cards) will be prohibited from participating in the WIAA State Tournament series. Any yellow cards received by the coach will count toward the 24 card total. Straight red cards count as two yellow.

- e. If a player receives a red card or a second yellow card resulting in disqualification, that individual is suspended for the next scheduled match. These are minimum penalties. All yellow and red cards must be reported to the appropriate head coach and to the WIAA.
- f. Any school whose players/coaches, during the regular season, collectively accumulates five or more straight red cards for abusive/profane language will be prohibited from participating in the WIAA State tournament series. Additionally, any individual player who accumulates three straight red cards for abusive/profane language will be prohibited from participating in the WIAA State Tournament series.
- Note: This rule does not apply to straight red cards received during the tournament series.
- g. Soft and yielding caps may be worn during inclement weather (Rule 4-2-1f).
- h. In the event a match must be suspended because conditions make it impossible to continue before one complete half has been played, the match will continue from that point unless both coaches agree to let the recorded score stand. If at least one half of the match has been completed, the game is an official match.
- i. Following the completion of the first half, anytime the score differential reaches ten or more goals, the coaches may mutually agree to end the match. After 60 minutes of play, if there is a score differential of 8 or more the match shall end.
- j. Schools shall provide a scorer and scoretable for all varsity contests.

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- a. Pre-Game Protocol

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

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

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

Note: Officials' jurisdiction follows NFHS Rule 5-2

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

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

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

STATE ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS

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

16. NON-VARSITY TEAMS WITH ONLY GRADE 9 STUDENTS

The above rules apply with these additional provisions:

- a. The season ends on Saturday of Week 16 (October 25).
- b. Each match in a tournament will count as one toward the maximum allowed matches. One match involving the faculty or a school control group, such as a team of intramural players, does not count toward the maximum.

17. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON GRADE 8 TEAMS

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

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

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

Soccer (Boys)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

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

- The largest 64 schools sponsoring soccer are in Division 1, the next largest 64 schools sponsoring soccer are in Division 2, with the remaining schools divided equally between Divisions 3 and 4.
- 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 **December 1**. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

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

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

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

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

Note: Sectional #1, in all divisions, will be split into two groups, geographically, prior to seeding.
- Regional Games
 - Divisions 1-2 are scheduled for Tuesday, October 21 and Saturday, October 25.

Note: When a play-in match is necessary, the match will be played on Saturday, October 18 or on a mutually agreed upon date before the next match (October 21).
 - Divisions 3-4 are scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, Thursday, October 23 and Saturday, October 25.

Note: When a play-in match is necessary, the match will be played on Saturday, October 18 or on a mutually agreed upon date before the next match (October 21).
- Sectional semifinal matches will be played on Thursday, October 30.
- Sectional final matches will be played on Saturday, November 1.
- Each grouping will be seeded by the coaches in that grouping.
 - The higher seeded team will host through the sectional semifinal match provided that school has a facility, or has access to a facility on the approved site list.

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

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

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

Note: Special consideration will be given to hosting applicants whose field dimensions are at least 110 x 75.
- Final approval of all sites will rest with the WIAA.
- State Tournament
 - Winners of the four sectionals in each division participate in the State Tournament on Thursday-Friday-Saturday, November 6-7-8.
 - The four Division 1 head coaches of qualifying teams along with the four Division 2 head coaches and a Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association designee will seed the Division 1 and 2 State brackets.
 - The four Division 3 head coaches of qualifying teams along with the four Division 4 head coaches and a Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association designee will seed the Division 3 and 4 State brackets.
 - 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 29-31) 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. a. and b. 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 24 matches.

- b. A school must participate in a minimum of four matches in the regular season to be eligible for tournament competition.
- c. Any varsity team whose players and coaches, during the regular season, collectively receive a total of 24 or more yellow cards (including all second yellow/red cards) will be prohibited from participating in the WIAA State Tournament series. This ruling may be appealed by the school involved.

This rule does not apply to yellow cards received during the tournament series.

- d. Host schools are not permitted to allow participating schools to practice on their facilities prior to the tournament.
- e. It is recommended that fields be a minimum of 65 x 110 yards. Special consideration will be given to applications to host sectional final matches where field dimensions are at least 75 x 110.
- f. The maximum number of participants for each tournament match is 25. Each participating school will be allowed a maximum of 25 players in full uniform for each tournament match.

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

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

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

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

g. Jersey Colors

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

Note: If equal seeds, first school alpha will wear dark uniforms and be designated as home team.

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

i. Yellow Cards

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (3) After 60 minutes of play, if there is a score differential of 8 or more goals the match shall end.

l. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy

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

- m. 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 must be conducted prior to 10 p.m. Sunday, October 12.

- (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) All groupings will meet together and seed as a complete group. The grouping will not be split into top eight in one room and remaining schools in a different room.
- (6) Prior to the start of the meeting, have the coaches draw to determine the order of presentations. Each coach should be allowed three minutes to discuss their season.
- (7) Coaches should consider these factors when determining their seeds (factors are not listed in any order of preference):
 - (a) Coaches comments.
 - (b) Head-to-head competition against teams in their regional grouping.
 - (c) Comparative scores against like opponents.
 - (d) Conference standings.
 - (e) Relative strength of schedule.
 - (f) Overall win-loss record.
 - (g) Other special factors (e.g., injury of a key player, etc.).
- (8) Once everyone has had the opportunity to speak, coaches should complete their Ranking Sheet. Coaches are not allowed to rank their own team.
- (9) After all Ranking Sheets are turned in, the individual conducting the Seeding Meeting will record the ballots of each school alphabetically in a visible manner (e.g., chalkboard, chart, overhead, etc.).
- (10) The rankings shall be tallied and the team with the lowest number will be the #1 seed, the team with the second lowest number shall be the #2 seed, etc., until all seeds are determined.

c. Breaking Ties

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

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

d. Appeal Procedure

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

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

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

4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

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

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

b. Officials

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

c. Awards

- (1) Plaque to championship team.

d. Finances

(1) Host School Allowances

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

(2) Allowance to Participating Schools

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

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

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

(4) Admission Policies

- (a) Free admissions will be provided for (29 total):
 - 25 members of the team.
 - Two support staff (managers, trainers, etc.).
 - Head coach and one assistant coach.
- (b) Maximum of six cheerleaders.
- (c) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of eight individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

5. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

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

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

b. Officials

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

c. Official Ball: Select Royale.

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

d. Awards

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

e. Finances

(1) Host School Allowances

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

(2) Allowance to Participating Schools

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

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

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

(4) Admission Policies

- (a) Free admissions will be provided for (29 total):
 - 25 members of the team.
 - Two support staff (managers, trainers, etc.).
 - Head coach and one assistant coach.
- (b) Maximum of six cheerleaders.
- (c) A maximum of eight individuals designated by the participating schools. It is expected that staff members from that pool will be available for any assistance associated with contest management. Whether a program is a stand-alone or part of a multi-school co-op, a maximum of eight individuals will be provided free admission. The same allotment may be applied to host schools which are not playing in the tournament.

6. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

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

Thursday, November 6	Division 1 Semifinals
11 a.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
1:30 p.m.	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
	Division 4 Semifinals
4:30 p.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
7 p.m.	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
Friday, November 7	Division 3 Semifinals
11 a.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
1:30 p.m.	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
	Division 2 Semifinals
4:30 p.m.	#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed
7 p.m.	#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed
Saturday, November 8	Championships
11 a.m.	Division 1 Championship
1:30 p.m.	Division 4 Championship
4:30 p.m.	Division 3 Championship
7 p.m.	Division 2 Championship

b. Officials

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

c. Official State Tournament Ball: Select Royale.

d. Awards

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

e. Finances

(1) Participating Schools Allowance

Schools will receive an allowance for lodging that is necessary for when they are competing only. Once a school is eliminated from the

tournament, the expenses incurred will become the responsibility of the school. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school receives:

- (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city (each day if necessary) at the rate of \$2 per mile. No allowance will be paid to schools located in the State Tournament city.
- (b) Meals at the daily rate of \$10 for breakfast, \$10 for lunch, and \$12 for dinner for each player in uniform plus two other persons.
Note: The amount of meal allowance received is contingent upon departure time to State Tournament site and arrival time from State Tournament site but the minimum meal allowance will be \$10 each day.

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

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

Single Session\$11 *

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

(3) Admission Policies

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

Swimming & Diving (Girls)

SEASON REGULATIONS

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

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

1. PRESEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON

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

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

2. LENGTH OF SEASON

The earliest day practice may begin is the Tuesday of Week 6 (August 12). The season ends with the State Meet concluding on Saturday of Week 19 (November 15).

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 or contests, provided all athletes participating meet all WIAA and school eligibility requirements (exceptions: students ineligible due to academic deficiency, code of conduct violations, or those required to miss the next competitive event, due to being ejected from their last competitive event, may participate at the discretion of the school), and:
 - (1) Five different days of practice have elapsed.
 - (2) There is no loss of academic class time.
 - (3) 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 Wednesday, August 20.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

- a. 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., 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 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 TOURNAMENT 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

- a. 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:
 - (1) A physician available by phone or on location.
 - (2) Phone location and phone numbers available for contacting physician and/or ambulance service.
 - (3) 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.

l. 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 18 (November 8).

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 (Girls)

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 **December 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, November 7.
– One of six swimming sectionals on Saturday, November 8.
 - Division 2 – One of five diving sectionals as assigned on Friday, November 7.
– One of four sectionals on Saturday, November 8.
 - Assignments of teams to tournaments and host schools for those tournaments will be posted on the WIAA website < www.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, November 14 (Division 2) and Saturday, November 15 (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 39-41) 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 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 throughout 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 she 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.
 - Entry forms must be received by Swim Cloud no later than noon the Tuesday of sectional week (November 4).
 - 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 would rest 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/diver who has not exceeded the event limitation rule. Ruling: Legal, substitution allowed.
 - (c) A coach, the Wednesday morning of sectional week, 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 11 a.m., the coach wants to enter another diver. 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 and State will be from an open draw.
- p. Diving Judges
 - (1) Sectionals – Seven judges will be selected from among the coaches of schools with divers. Judges are 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 divers (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, CD players, and other related radio equipment in the pool area are prohibited.

Note: "Walkmans" and "i-pods" 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. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy

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.
 - (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 of 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 of 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.
- (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) Three 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. If diving takes place at two sites, awards should be distributed at the swimming meet.
 - (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 items in (b) above 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).
 - 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, November 14

(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, November 15

(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. The following factors will be used to determine the amount each school

receives: **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.**

- (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 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 \$10 for lunch and \$12 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)

Tennis (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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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:
 - 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.
 - 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:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Football must follow the WIAA Fall Acclimatization policy.
 - 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 Tuesday of Week 6 (August 12). The season ends with the State Tournament concluding on Saturday of Week 16 (October 25).

3. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- There must be practices on a minimum of four different days before the first competition may be conducted.
- The minimum days of practice may not involve a team from outside the school.
- 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.
- 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

- 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:
 - Two days of practice have elapsed.
 - There is no loss of academic class time.
 - 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.
 - Any wins/losses would not count toward the team's record or toward an individual's record.
- 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 Saturday, August 16.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED MEETS

- The maximum number of meets is 14, and no more than six of the 14 may be multiple-school meets (involving total of more than two teams). Schedules of all teams should be clearly published and separated by level for each team sponsored by a school.

- b. Conference tournaments must be included in count of regular season maximums.
- c. A school may enter only one team in one varsity meet per day.
- d. No meet may continue more than two days **unless postponed or altered due to weather**. A two-day conference, invitational or multi-dual meet counts as one meet.
- e. A varsity event where a varsity reserve or JV team competes in a varsity event counts toward a school/team's maximum of 14 varsity events for the season.
- f. 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.
- g. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed meets. Conference meets count as one multiple - school meet toward a school's maximum allowed meets.
- h. 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.
- i. Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

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

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

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

9. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT TOURNAMENT SITE

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

10. CONTEST CONTROL

- 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

NOT APPLICABLE

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

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

13. CONCUSSION AND/OR UNCONSCIOUS PARTICIPANT

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

14. OXYGEN AND FLUIDS PROVIDED INTRAVENOUSLY

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

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

15. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

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

ADAPTATIONS TO USTA RULES

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

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

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

- (1) Be penalized, at the time of detection, one game at the conclusion of the game in progress.
- (2) Must replace the illegal clothing before resuming play. (Turning the clothing inside out is not acceptable.)
- (3) Be penalized under point penalty system for undue delay in replacing such uniforms.
- (4) A second offense will be penalized by loss of the set in progress, and a third offense will be penalized by loss of match in progress.
- (5) Penalties are cumulative throughout dual or multiple school events.
- (6) Enforcement of this rule is the responsibility of the host school.
- (7) Under severe weather conditions appropriate adjustments can and should be allowed, (i.e., illegal sweatshirts may be turned inside out). Hats may be worn if illegal logos are not visible.
- (8) Nonvarsity teams shall be allowed to wear old varsity uniforms which are now unapproved provided participant safety is not jeopardized.
- c. No coaching which interferes with continuous play will be allowed. (Continuous play starts with the warm-up.)
 - (1) Coaching will be allowed during any changeover (except the first of a set) for a maximum of ninety (90) seconds beginning with completion of the last point. First offense – warning, second and subsequent offenses – point penalty.
 - (2) Between the first and second sets with a maximum time limit of two minutes and with the understanding that the player(s) remains on the court.
 - (3) Between the second set and 10 pt. match tie-break (when applicable) during the 3 minute rest period.

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

- (4) Non-varsity players while playing in a non-varsity competition may accept verbal and hand signal advice from their school's designated coach only. The designated coach is allowed on the court as identified by current rules.
- d. Court Conduct - The sequence of penalties for misconduct shall be point, game, and default. Penalties will NOT carryover from sectionals to sectional competition.
 - (1) A doubles team is considered and penalized as a unit on the same basis as an individual.
 - (2) It is the responsibility of the tournament manager to enforce misconduct regulations.
 - (a) It is recommended that the tournament manager secure whatever assistance is necessary to enforce the regulations.
 - (b) It is recommended that coaches enforce appropriate penalties on their own players.
 - (c) All penalties are to be reported to the tournament manager.
 - (d) It is the tournament manager's responsibility to keep track of penalty progression.
 - e. Foot Faults – A player or their coach must issue two warnings to their opponent prior to a foot fault being called. After two warnings, play may be stopped to request an umpire. If an umpire is not available, it is the responsibility of the host school to provide a competent foot fault judge for the remainder of that match. If an umpire or competent judge is available, all subsequent foot faults must be called on both players by that individual.

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

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

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

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

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

The above rules apply with these additional provisions:

- a. The season ends on Saturday of Week 16 (October 25).

18. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON GRADE 8 TEAMS

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

Note: In emergency situations a waiver may be requested allowing 9th grade student(s) at member middle schools to compete at the 8th grade level at member middle schools.
- c. Rules governing Grade 9 season length apply for teams with students Grade 9 and below.

Tennis (Girls)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

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

- The largest 66% of schools sponsoring tennis are in Division 1 with the remaining 34% 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 **December 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 sixteen subsectionals on Monday, October 6 or Tuesday, October 7, with those reaching the semifinals in Flight 1 singles or doubles and those reaching the finals in Flights 2, 3, or 4 singles and Flights 2 and 3 doubles advancing to one of eight sectional meets on Wednesday, October 8 or Thursday, October 9.
 - Division 2 - One of eight subsectionals on Monday, October 6 or Tuesday, October 7 with those reaching the semifinals in Flight 1 singles or doubles and those reaching the finals in Flights 2, 3, or 4 singles and Flights 2 and 3 doubles advancing to one of four sectional meets on Wednesday, October 8 or Thursday, October 9.

b. State

- The State Individual Tournament will be held on Thursday-Friday-Saturday, October 16-17-18 at Nielsen Tennis Stadium (indoor) at UW-Madison.
- The State Team Tournament will be held on Friday-Saturday, October 24-25 at Nielsen Tennis Stadium (indoor) at UW-Madison.
- Participating in the State Individual Tournament will be:

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

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

Note: If a player, who has qualified for the State Individual Tournament, is unable to participate, the WIAA must be notified by 3 p.m. on Friday, October 10. The State Seeding Committee will be allowed to select an additional qualifier(s) if notification is received by the time identified above.

- Participating in the State Team Tournament will be:
Divisions 1 and 2 - The sectional team champion.

(5) Seeding the State Team Tournament

- Division 1 - the eight State Tournament qualifying teams will be placed in rank order. The qualifying coaches will conduct a conference call on Friday prior to the State Tournament to place and draw the teams into the State Tournament brackets. The WIAA staff will conduct the meeting.
- Division 2 - the four State Tournament qualifying teams will be placed in the rank order. The qualifying coaches will conduct a conference call prior to the State Tournament to place and draw (the teams into the State Tournament brackets. the WIAA staff will conduct the meeting).

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

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 50 and 51) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

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

EXCEPTIONS

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

ADDITIONS

- A school must participate in a minimum of four meets during the regular season.
- A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 14 meets, more than six multischool meets during the regular season, or scheduled more than one varsity meet per day.
- A tournament team for subsectionals shall consist of the following for both divisions:
 - Singles - Four individuals placed in Flights 1, 2, 3, and 4.
 - Doubles - Three teams placed in Flights 1, 2, and 3.

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

- d. A tournament begins when the first match of that tournament is assigned to a court. After that assignment, no substitutes are allowed in singles.
- e. Competition shall be as follows:
 - (1) Straight elimination (best two-out-of-three sets, with the third set being a 10 pt. match tie-break) at all levels.
 - (2) Playoff for third place between losers of semifinals at sectional and State Individual Tournament.
 - (3) Playoff (in two rounds) for fifth place between losers of quarterfinals at State Individual Tournament.
- f. An individual player (singles or doubles) will not be required to play more than three matches in one day except during the sectional meet and the State Individual Meet.
- g. The WIAA will be furnishing a web address to all participating schools for an Online Entry which should be completed by Thursday, October 2. A school's entry becomes official when it is submitted to the tournament manager. Along with the Entry Form, each player/doubles team must submit a detailed listing of their season match by match. Significant wins and losses to ranked opponents should be recorded.
 - (1) A Division 1 singles player shall play in a minimum of six singles matches at any flight during the regular season in order to be entered in the subsectional tournament at Flights 1, 2, and 3 only. A Division 2 singles player shall play a minimum of five singles matches at any flight during the regular season in order to be entered in the subsectional tournament at Flights 1, 2, and 3 only.
 - (2) A Division 1 doubles team shall play in a minimum of six doubles matches at any flight during the regular season in order to be entered in the subsectional tournament at Flights 1 and 2 only; A Division 2 doubles team shall play in a minimum of five doubles matches at any flight during the regular season in order to be entered in the subsectional tournament at Flights 1 and 2 only.

Note: Exceptions will be allowed for the following reasons:

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

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

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

 - (3) A defaulted match will be scored 2-0, 2-0.
- k. **All third sets shall be a 10 pt. match tie-break in lieu of a full third set throughout the tournament series (subsectionals, sectionals and State).**
- l. A Request for Seed Form must be submitted by each head coach on behalf of all state qualifiers for use by the State Seeding Committee. Inaccurate records may result in a loss of seed.
- m. Host schools are not permitted to allow participating schools to practice on their facilities prior to their tournament. Warm-ups are allowed prior to the start of competition.
- n. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy

The Board of Control has approved a policy for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or drones at outdoor WIAA State Tournament Series events. UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. Drone operation requires a Remote Pilot Command license. Operators must also receive written consent from the WIAA executive office at least 24 hours in advance, as well as approval of the host facility event management. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook. Contact the WIAA office with all requests to operate drones at WIAA Tournament events.
- o. A designated, on-site event, appropriate health-care professional who determines an athlete should not participate, shall not be overruled.
- p. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

4. SUBSTITUTIONS

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

Note: The flight shall be reseeded only if the player being replaced had received a seed.
- b. A singles player cannot be replaced during the subsectional and/or sectional tournament series.
- c. An individual who has qualified from the sectional to the Individual State Tournament as a singles player cannot be replaced.
- d. A doubles team cannot be changed:
 - (1) For any reason before a match ends.
 - (2) Except if a coach presents a physician's statement that an athlete cannot participate.
 - (3) Except if a coach presents a letter from their school principal showing an athlete has been disciplined by that school.
 - (4) Unless the WIAA approves a change.

- e. An individual who has qualified for the State Team Tournament cannot be replaced prior to the start of the team tournament:
 - (1) Except if a coach presents a physician's statement that an athlete cannot participate.
 - (2) Except if a coach presents a letter from their school principal showing an athlete has been disciplined by that school.
 - (3) Unless the WIAA approves a change for extenuating circumstances.
 - (4) Substitution options:
 - (a) Move everyone up.
 - (b) Allow direct substitution for that position.

Note: Schools are encouraged to bring substitutes to the team tournament.

- f. A replaced player may not return to competition earlier than the following day.
- g. A substitute may not be a player who participated earlier in the tournament program.

Note: A member of a doubles team eliminated at an earlier level of competition may not be used as a substitute for that school's other doubles teams.
- h. If a player is unable to compete (withdraws, retires, defaults, or disqualifies herself) from a match at the sectional meet, the player may not return to play that day.
- i. Singles players and doubles teams may not retire from a match during the State Team Tournament. Penalty for retiring from a match is removal from the remainder of the tournament.

5. SUBSECTIONAL TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

a. Scheduling of Competition

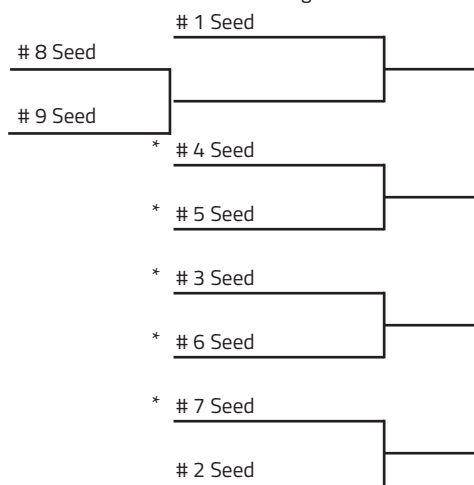
The host school determines the time of competition at the subsectional level within the dates specified.

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

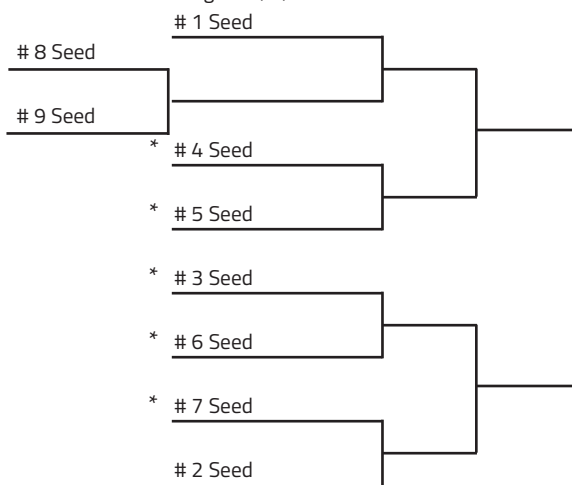
b. Seeding

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

BRACKET - Divisions 1 and 2 - Flight 1



Divisions 1 and 2 - Flights 2, 3, 4



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

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

- (4) Coaches are required to submit, at the seeding meeting, entry forms with individual match records and requests for seeds. Failure to do so may eliminate players of that school from consideration for a seed. Voting by coaches may be taken on each individual request or on all requests as a group. In casting their vote, coaches should consider the effect not seeding a good player may have on other players in the tournament.
- (5) There will be five seeds per flight by a majority vote of the coaches, additional seeds and placements are allowable.
- (6) Considerations for seeding will include:
 - (a) A singles player or doubles team shall play three matches in that flight during the regular season to be considered for a seed at that same flight in the subsectional tournament. By a majority vote of the coaches, this provision can be waived in order to seed the bracket accurately.
 - (b) Illness and similar situations at time of a loss will not be considered.
 - (c) Seeding Criteria should be used in order (when applicable)
 - 1) Head-to-head play.
 - 2) Results and scores against common opponents (when applicable).
 - 3) Results against indirect opponents.
 - 4) The caliber of competition within which a record has been established can be considered (strength of schedule).
 - 5) Overall W-L percentage in all matches.

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

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

c. Scoring

Points will be awarded as follows:

Four (4) points for a win preceded by a bye.

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

Two (2) points for a win.

Zero (0) points for winning a lead-in (**pig-tail**) match.

d. Awards

None.

e. Finances

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

6. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

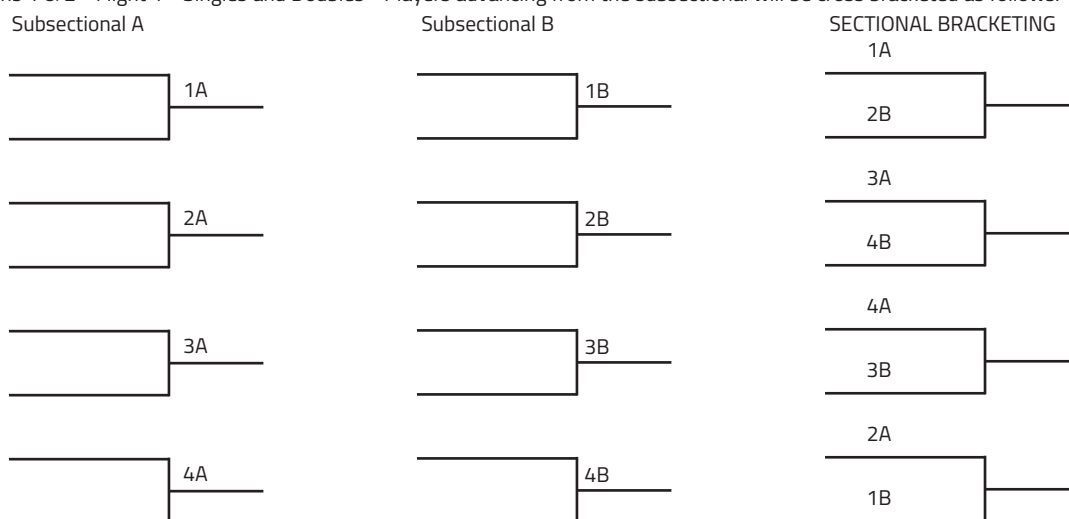
a. Scheduling of Competition

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

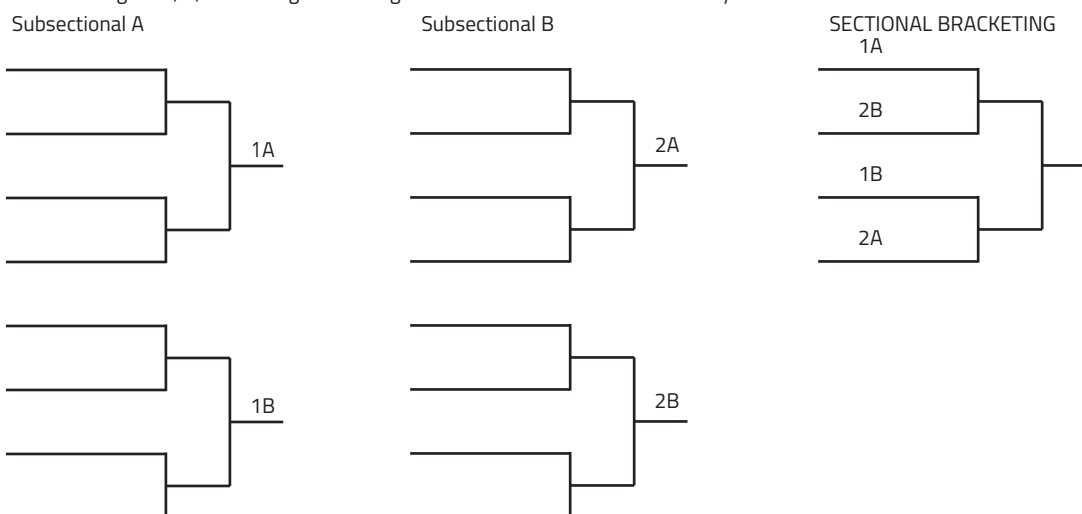
b. **All third sets shall be a 10 pt. match tie-break in lieu of a full third set throughout the tournament series (subsectionals, sectionals and State).**

c. Seeding

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



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



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

d. Scoring

Points will be awarded as follows:

Four (4) points for a win preceded by a bye.

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

Two (2) points for a win.

One (1) point for a third place finish.

Zero (0) points for winning a lead-in match.

e. Awards

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

f. Finances

- (1) The following items are authorized for payment:

(a) Tournament Manager Fee – \$90.

(b) Umpire – \$160.

(c) Host School Allowance – \$150.

- (2) Allowance to Participating Schools - None.

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

7. STATE TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) State Individual Tournament

Thursday, October 16

Play will involve all first round matches and will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, October 17

8:30 a.m. Coaches meeting and briefing session

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

Saturday, October 18

8:30 a.m. Consolation Semifinals

9 a.m. Championship Semifinals

- (2) State Team Tournament

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

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

Friday, October 24

4 p.m. Division 1 Quarterfinals

Upper Bracket

#1 ranked team vs. #8 ranked team

#4 ranked team vs. #5 ranked team

Lower Bracket

#3 ranked team vs. #6 ranked team

#2 ranked team vs. #7 ranked team

Saturday, October 25

9 a.m. Division 1 Semifinals and Division 2 Semifinals

Upper Bracket (Division 2)

#1 ranked team vs. #4 ranked team

Lower Bracket (Division 2)

#2 ranked team vs. #3 ranked team

TBA based on Divisions 1 and 2 Finals

court availability

- b. All matches shall play a 10 pt. match tie-break in lieu of a three-set match throughout the tournament series (subsectionals, sectionals and State).

c. Seeding

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

- (1) Head-to-head play.
- (2) Results and scores against common opponents..
- (3) Results against indirect opponents.
- (4) The caliber of competition within which a record has been established can be considered (strength of schedule).
- (5) Overall W-L percentage in all matches.

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

- (5) A Flight 2 player/team that has not qualified or been selected for the State Individual Tournament cannot be selected unless the Flight #1 player/team from their school team has qualified or been selected.
- (6) A Flight 3 player/team that has not qualified or been selected for the State Individual Tournament cannot be selected unless the Flight #2 player/team from their school team has qualified or been selected.
- (7) A Flight 4 player/team that has not qualified or been selected for the State Individual Tournament cannot be selected unless the Flight #3 player/team from their school team has qualified or been selected.
- (8) Placements for seeds and sectional winners shall not exceed 8 in Division 1 and 4 in Division 2.
- (9) A sectional winner is not guaranteed a seed. Consideration for seeds is given to all sectional winners.
- (10) Byes are assigned to the top eight seeded players.
- (11) Coaches are responsible for submitting an accurate Request for Seed Form. Inaccurate records may result in a loss of seed.
- (12) Teammates cannot play each other in the first round.
- (13) Seeding:

(a) Division 1

- No. 1 Seed – Line 1; No. 2 Seed – Line 64.
- No. 3 Seed – Line 48; No. 4 Seed – Line 17.
- No. 5 Seed – Line 25; No. 6 Seed – Line 40.
- No. 7 Seed – Line 56; No. 8 Seed – Line 9.
- No. 9 Seed – Line 13; No. 10 Seed – Line 52.
- No. 11 Seed – Line 36; No. 12 Seed – Line 29.
- No. 13 Seed – Line 21; No. 14 Seed – Line 44.
- No. 15 Seed – Line 60; No. 16 Seed – Line 5.

(b) Division 2

- No. 1 Seed – Line 1; No. 2 Seed – Line 32.
- No. 3 Seed – Line 24; No. 4 Seed – Line 9.
- No. 5 Seed – Line 13; No. 6 Seed – Line 20.
- No. 7 Seed – Line 28; No. 8 Seed – Line 5.

d. Seeding Procedures for State Team Tournament

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

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

e. Scoring

- (1) State Individual Tournament - No team points will be kept.
- (2) State Team Tournament - Head-to-head competition using dual meet scoring with the winner advancing to the next round of competition.

f. Conduct Penalties

- (1) State Individual Tournament – The sequence of penalties for misconduct shall be: point, game, and default.
- (2) State Team Tournament – The sequence of penalties for misconduct shall be: point, game, and default. Misconduct penalties that occur at the end of a player's match will be applied to the player of the next called match. If all matches have been called, the penalty is assessed to the highest match in progress.

Note: Code violations given after a team match are subject to the following:

1st offense – point penalty

2nd offense – one game penalty

3rd offense – three game penalty

Behavior subject to disqualification is a three-game penalty on the next match out or the highest ranked match in progress.

Penalty points and/or games are to be awarded at the start of the next game. If a match is in a tie-break, points will be awarded before the next point.

g. 2025 - Official State Tournament Ball: Wilson - U.S. Open Extra Duty.

h. Awards

- (1) State Individual Tournament - Medals to the top six finishers in singles and doubles.
- (2) State Team Tournament - Trophy to top two teams. Medals to members (10) of top two teams.

i. Finances

(1) Host School Allowance - None.

(2) 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 the State Tournament city.

(b) \$60 for each actual participant plus one other person.

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

State Meet.....\$9 *

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

(4) Admission Policies

(a) Free admission to the State Individual and Team Tournament will be provided only for the actual number of participants plus up to two alternate players and two additional persons.

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

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

(5) Officials

(a) State Meet Officials will be paid:

1) Officiating Fee - \$22 per hour (roving, referee, and chaired)

2) 55¢ per mile (round trip) for travel expense

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

Volleyball (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 & Boys - The earliest day practice may begin is the Monday of Week 7 (August 18). The season ends with the State Tournament concluding on Saturday of Week 18 (November 8).

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

4. SCRIMMAGES

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

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

5. DATE OF FIRST CONTEST

The first contest may not be held before:

- a. Girls & Boys – Tuesday, August 26.

6. MAXIMUM ALLOWED CONTESTS

- a. The maximum number of contests is 15, and no more than seven of the 15 may be multiple-school contests (involving total of more than two teams). Schedules of all teams should be clearly published and separated by level for each team sponsored by a school.

Note: For grade 9 and JV competitions only, a school may schedule double duals or triple duals beyond the maximum number of multiple-school meets, but a double dual must replace two of the allowed competitions and a triple dual must replace three of the allowed competitions.

- b. Conference tournaments must be included in count of regular season maximums.
- c. No contest may continue more than two consecutive days. Note: A two day meet counts as one multiple-school contest.
- d. No contest may be scheduled (but a contest may be rescheduled if postponed) after any of the schools involved has begun WIAA tournament series competition.
- e. The WIAA tournament series is not part of the maximum allowed contests.
- f. Except for events held in bordering states (MN, IL, MI and IA), no approval shall be provided for more than one out-of-state competition, event and/or scrimmage per team each school season.

7. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

- a. A student may not participate in more than 15 contests and no more than seven of the 15 may be multiple-school contests (involving total of more than two teams).
- b. It is strongly recommended that a student participate at only one level (varsity or nonvarsity) on the same day.
- c. A student who participates at multiple levels on the same day may not play in more than the equivalent of six sets if the varsity match is a three-out-of-five set match.
- d. It is strongly recommended that a student who is a varsity starter or leading reserve not play at the nonvarsity level.
- e. Participating in only one play constitutes one allowed set.
- f. It is not the responsibility of contest officials to enforce the rule related to maximum participation by students who participate on multiple levels on the same day. 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 match(es) in which the participant exceeded the maximum.
- g. For information about non-school participation, refer to Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 1 of the Senior High Handbook and consult with Athletic Administration.

8. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

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

9. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT TOURNAMENT SITE

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

10. CONTEST CONTROL

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

11. LICENSED OFFICIALS

- a. Two WIAA licensed officials (R1 and R2) are required for all interscholastic competition on the senior high varsity level.
 - b. Two WIAA licensed officials are recommended for all nonvarsity competition, but only one (R1) is required.
- Note: For sub-varsity competition if only one WIAA licensed official is used two line judges are required. If two WIAA licensed officials are used line judges are recommended. Sub-varsity line judges do not need to be adults.

12. MEDICAL COVERAGE

- a. 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:
 - (1) A physician available by phone or on location.
 - (2) Phone location and phone numbers available for contacting physician and/or ambulance service.
 - (3) 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 VOLLEYBALL RULES and CASE BOOK AND MANUAL and (b) related publications and interpretations of the National Federation with these additional provisions:

NATIONAL FEDERATION ALLOWED ADAPTATIONS

- Match – A match may consist of a two-out-of-three or a three-out-of-five set match for both varsity and nonvarsity competition. (Rule 1-2-1)
All conference varsity volleyball matches (dual, triangulars, and quadrangulars) will be rally score, three-out-of-five to 25 points, no cap. If a fifth and determining set is played it will be rally score to 15 points, no cap, the exception to this format could be invitational and conference tournaments.

Recommended formats for invitational tournaments could include:

- Best of five, rally score to 25, fifth set rally score to 15, with or without caps.
- Best of three, rally score to 25, third set rally score to 15, with or without caps.

Note: The conference (if a conference meet) or the host school (if a nonconference meet) shall determine if exhibition sets in either a two-out-of-three or a three-out-of-five set match will be played even though not necessary to determine the match winner.

Only matches played in a two-out-of-three or three-out-of-five format may be included for seeding purposes and season records.

It is recommended that subvarsity volleyball matches also use rally scoring. Conferences and schools may choose to use traditional side-out scoring if they feel it will enhance skill development. Recommended rally scoring formats could include:

- Best of five. If a fifth and deciding set is played it will be rally score to 15 points, no cap.
- Three set match. All sets rally score to 25 points.
- Best of three. All sets rally score to 25 points.

- Line judges – Two **are required**, with adults preferred, for all varsity competition. Host school and/or conference will decide on how these individuals will be provided (i.e., host school provides or both schools furnish one). (Rule 5-1-1)

Note: For sub-varsity competition if only one WIAA licensed official is used two line judges are required. If two WIAA licensed officials are used line judges are recommended. Sub-varsity line judges do not need to be adults.

- Teams will switch benches, unless opposing coaches and officials mutually agree to remain on the same bench throughout the match. (Rule 9-1-2). If teams remain on the same bench throughout the match, line judges must switch sides between sets.

STATE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS

- The prematch warm-ups shall consist of 20 minutes. The clock must be stopped and the horn sounded after each of the segments listed below.
 - 6 minutes – both teams on the court doing ball drills, but no net play.
 - 7 minutes – home team on court alone.
 - 7 minutes – visiting team on court alone.
 - National Anthem – teams lined up on the sideline in front of their bench.
 - 1 minute – team huddle in bench area.
 - Introduction of teams from the baseline.
 - Teams will then follow the defined National Federation prematch protocol.
 - Allowed exceptions include:
 - The introduction procedure can be modified for special circumstances (i.e., parents or senior night, etc.).
 - If two courts are available both can be used for warm-ups. The involved coaches should mutually agree on procedures for court usage. The visiting team must, however, be provided equal usage of the main court.
 - When hosting a multi-team event, the host school may provide a modified warm-up schedule.
- Uniform/Equipment
 - Nonvarsity teams shall be allowed to wear old varsity uniforms which are now unapproved provided participant safety is not jeopardized. (Rule 4-2)
- 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:

- The season ends on the Saturday of Week 16 (October 26) for girls and boys.
- One game involving the faculty or a school controlled group, such as a team of intramural players, does not count toward the maximum.

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.

Volleyball (Boys & Girls)

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN FIVE DIVISIONS (1-2-3-4-5) FOR GIRLS AND ONE DIVISION FOR BOYS.

- a. For girls the divisions will consist of:
 - (1) Division 1 - The largest 116 member schools sponsoring volleyball.
 - (2) Divisions 2-3-4-5 equally divided among the remaining schools.
 - (3) Cooperative teams are placed into divisional competition on the basis of the combined enrollment of the schools involved.
- b. For boys the assignment of schools will be on a geographical basis in one division.
- c. Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to **December 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. Regionals
 - (1) Girls – Schools are assigned to:
 - (a) Division 1 – Schools will be assigned to one of eight groups with regional competition on Thursday and Saturday, October 23 and 25.
 - (b) Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 – Schools will be assigned to one of 16 groups with regional competition on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, October 21, 23 and 25.
 - (2) Boys – Schools are assigned to one of eight groups with regional competition on Friday, October 24.
- b. Each grouping will be seeded by the coaches in that group.
 - (1) Girls – Sectional half-brackets will be assigned and posted on the WIAA website for all divisions. Schools in Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 will have until May 1 to vote on the format of their tournament bracket (sectional half-bracket or regional grouping). A majority of schools that cast a vote will determine the bracket format. A tie is not a majority and would result in retaining the sectional half-bracket).
 - (2) Girls – In Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5, the highest seeded teams will host through sectional semifinals unless their venue does not have appropriate facilities or seating. Note: In sectionals which voted to break into smaller regional groupings, the WIAA will assign predetermined sites for sectional semifinals.
 - (3) Boys – The higher seeded team will host all rounds of the tournament that do not have a predetermined site unless their venue does not have appropriate facilities or seating.
 - (4) The final decision for hosting all tournament matches rests with the WIAA. If a host school does not have an appropriate facility to accommodate a tournament match or seat the anticipated crowd, the WIAA will move the match to a site they deem appropriate.
- c. Sectionals
 - (1) Girls – Winners of regionals will participate in one of eight Division 1 or one of four each in Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 sectionals on Thursday and Saturday, October 30 and November 1.
Sectional championship matches for girls will be held at predetermined sites. In Division 1, sectional semifinal sites are also pre-determined.
 - (2) Boys – Winners of regionals will participate in one of eight sectionals on Tuesday and **Saturday, October 28** and November 1. Sectional championship matches for boys will be held at predetermined sites.
- d. State
 - (1) Girls
 - (a) The State Tournament involving eight Division 1 sectional champions and four each Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 champions will be played on Thursday-Friday-Saturday, November 6-7-8 at the Resch Center in Green Bay.
 - (b) The head coaches of qualifying teams in each division will determine the seeds using the Seed Meeting guidelines outlined in the Tournament Procedures. WIAA staff will conduct these meetings.
 - (c) If a team is disqualified from the State Tournament and replaced by the last defeated opponent, teams will be reseeded using the specific sport state seeding criteria if the disqualification occurs 24 hours prior to the start of the first game of the State Tournament series (regardless of division).
Anytime after the 24 hour deadline, a replacing team will be placed in the bracket where the disqualified team was originally seeded.
 - (2) Boys
 - (a) The State Tournament involving eight sectional champions will be played on Wednesday-Thursday-Friday, November 5-6-7 at the Resch Center in Green Bay.
 - (b) The head coaches of qualifying teams in each division will determine the seeds using the Seed Meeting guidelines outlined in the Tournament Procedures. WIAA staff will conduct these meetings.
 - (c) If a team is disqualified from the State Tournament and replaced by the last defeated opponent, teams will be reseeded using the specific sport State seeding criteria if the disqualification occurs 24 hours prior to the start of the first game of the State Tournament series (regardless of division).
Anytime after the 24 hour deadline, a replacing team will be placed in the bracket where the disqualified team was originally seeded.

- (d) Schedule of competition:
 - 1) Boys quarterfinals Wednesday evening.
 - 2) Division 1 girls quarterfinals Thursday evening; Divisions 4 and 5 girls semifinals Thursday morning; boys semifinals Thursday afternoon.
 - 3) Divisions 1, 2 and 3 girls semifinals Friday afternoon; boys championship Friday evening.
 - 4) Girls championship Saturday.
- e. Assignments of teams to tournaments and host schools for tournaments will be posted **on the WIAA website < <http://www.wiaawi.org> >**, **then access either the Girls or the Boys Volleyball Home Page.**

3. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

All specifications of Numbers 8 and 15 under SEASON REGULATIONS (pages 59-60) will apply with these exceptions and additions:

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

EXCEPTIONS

- a. 15-a & b under National Federation Allowed Adaptation do not apply.
- b. 15-b under State Association Regulations does not apply.

ADDITIONS

- a. A school may not compete in the tournament program if it has participated in more than 15 total contests including no more than 7 multiple school contests.
- b. A school must play a minimum of four contests in the regular season to be eligible for tournament competition.
- c. Each participating school will be allowed a maximum of **18** players in full uniform for each tournament match.
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 match 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 match to the next.
 - (2) A school is expected to provide the manager at each tournament site, by a date designated by the manager, a list of its participants for purposes of publicity, programs, etc.
- d. During regional competition the higher seed will host, be considered the home team, select their team bench and warm up first. During sectional competition, the higher seed will be considered the home team, when the host school isn't involved in the competition, select their team bench and warm up first. If the host school is involved in the competition, they will be the home team regardless of seed. In matches played between equally seeded teams, the 1st team alphabetical by official school name, will be designated the home team.
- e. If a team has not arrived at the tournament site ready to play at the announced time, it will forfeit its initial set in that tournament. The team will be allowed 20 minutes before it must play or forfeit the second set, and then an additional 20 minutes before it must play or forfeit the third set of the match.
- f. Line Judges
 - (1) The host school **must** provide two adult line judges. Exception: A WIAA licensed student official would be allowed to line judge.
 - (2) The use of WIAA licensed officials as line judges is highly recommended.
 - (3) The line judges must be dressed in either black and white striped shirts or white polo shirts, plus black shorts or slacks. Both line judges must wear the same color of shirt. If both line judges are licensed officials, they can wear the matching color of R1 and R2
 - (4) Line judges will be paid **\$50**.
- g. Prematch warm-ups shall consist of 20 minutes. The clock must be stopped and the horn sounded after each of the below defined segments.
 - (1) 6 minutes – both teams on the court doing ball drills, but no net play.
 - (2) 7 minutes – home team on court alone.
 - (3) 7 minutes – visiting team on court alone.
 - (4) National Anthem – teams lined up on the sideline in front of their bench.
 - (5) 1 minute – team huddle in bench area.
 - (6) Introduction of teams from the baseline.
 - (7) Teams will then follow the defined National Federation prematch protocol.
- h. Practice Sessions
 - (1) Host schools are not permitted to allow participating schools to practice at their facilities prior to their tournament.
 - (2) Schools hosting a tournament at a facility other than their school (i.e., college/university, high school with a larger gymnasium, etc.) are not permitted to practice at that facility.
 - (3) There is no opportunity for State Teams to have a practice session at the State Tournament site prior to the start of tournament play.
- i. Team Benches
 - (1) A maximum of 22 bench personnel, which includes a maximum of **18** eligible players and additional people such as coaches, manager(s),

statistician(s), principal, athletic director, etc., shall be permitted to occupy the team bench.

(2) Teams shall occupy the bench located on the side of the net adjacent to their playing area throughout the match.

j. Tournament Support Groups

Competing schools must be allowed to bring a band and have a group (i.e., pom pon squad, drill team, etc.) perform before/after their match and between games.

k. WIAA Tournament UAV Policy

UAVs are prohibited at all WIAA indoor tournaments. The complete policy for UAVs is located on page 50 of the Senior High Handbook.

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

SEEDING PROCEDURES

a. Seed meeting hosts are selected (by WIAA staff) from a list of volunteers. If no school volunteers, WIAA staff will select the host from an alphabetical list (list rotates annually).

b. Before the Seeding Meeting – all divisions

(1) Meetings shall be scheduled for boys/girls; one of the following - October 12, 13, 14, 15 or 16.

(2) Boys: Seed meeting hosts should contact all schools in their grouping to determine if the majority of schools wish to conduct a traditional meeting (in-person) or use a method determined by the host (teleconference, email, fax, distance learning). Girls: Seed meetings must be conducted in-person or via real-time electronic means. Coaches who must travel more than 80 miles one-way to the seeding meeting site may choose to participate in the seeding meeting using real-time, video or electronic means as determined by the host school.

(3) Complete the Season Summary via WIAA Score Center (available on WIAA website). All schools can access all opponents season summaries on the WIAA website as well.

(a) Only matches played in a two-out-of-three or three-out-of-five (25 point sets) format should be reported on the Season Summary Form.

(4) The sites/times of all Volleyball Seeding Meetings once finalized will be placed on the WIAA website. Access the Girls or Boys Volleyball Home Page < www.wiaawi.org > and choose Seeding Meeting Times, Dates, Location.

(5) Specific questions regarding the date selected, site, and time for the Seeding Meeting should be discussed with the Athletic Director of the school hosting your Seeding Meeting, not the WIAA.

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

c. At the Seeding Meeting

(1) Coaches are required to participate in Seeding Meetings. If the head varsity coach cannot attend the Seeding Meeting, then an assistant coach or a school representative should attend. 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. Coaches who must travel more than 80 miles one-way to the seeding meeting site may choose to participate in the seeding meeting using real-time, video or electronic means as determined by the host school.

(2) Each school will designate one person to speak on behalf of their school.

(3) Prior to the start of the meeting:

(a) Introductions of all in attendance

(b) Each coach will update his/her season summary, if necessary.

(c) The host will have the coaches draw to determine order of presentations. Each coach should be allowed three minutes to discuss their season.

(4) Coaches should consider these factors when determining their seeds (list is in no particular order):

(a) Coaches comments.

(b) Head-to-head competition against teams in their 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.).

(5) Once everyone has had the opportunity to speak, coaches should complete their Ranking Sheet. Coaches are not allowed to rank their own team.

(6) 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.

(7) The rankings shall be tallied.

(a) For Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 schools who voted to be split into the smaller regional groupings, the seeding process is concluded. Please reference the procedures for breaking ties and appeals below.

(b) For all Division 1 and for the Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 groupings who voted to retain the sectional half bracket, please continue with 8 – 10.

(8) OPTION 1: If it has been determined that you will not be breaking into two groups, follow the steps for breaking ties and appeals to conclude your seeding process.

(9) OPTION 2: If it has been determined that you will be breaking into two groups. Please use the following procedure. The top 8 teams shall be announced and at this time any school that thinks they should be in the top 8 teams, should make that appeal prior to the groups splitting. Example: School is not listed in the top 8 and feels they should be in that group. Appeals to be in the top group must be made at this

time following the procedures for appeals (found above). All schools should be involved in voting on appeals for placement in the upper and lower groupings.

- (10) Once the top teams have been determined, the groups should split into two groups (one group with the top 8 schools and the other group with the remaining schools) and each group should determine the exact placement of teams in each group...e.g. #1 seed, #2 seed. etc. Once both groups are completed, the bracket should be filled in appropriately based on the seeds.

d. 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.

e. 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 Seeding Meeting host 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 a tie vote occurs on an appeal, 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.
- f. 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.
- g. During regional and sectional play, if a disqualifying violation is confirmed after brackets have been seeded, the opponent of the disqualified team shall advance regardless of their bracket position and no other adjustments shall be made within the bracket.

4. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

- (1) All regionals (quarterfinals, semifinals and championships) must be played in the evening at 7 p.m.
- (2) The format will be straight elimination consisting of one three-out-of-five game rally scored match.
- (3) In emergency situations (lack of officials), the WIAA may use the following format for the opening round of regional play in Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5.

5:30 p.m.	*1 vs. 8	*2 vs. 7
7:30 p.m.	4 vs. 5	3 vs. 6

*Hosts both matches

b. Officials

All officials, with the exception of LO and LR, licensed with the WIAA are eligible to be contracted in the tournament program, with preference given to officials having a classification of L5 and Master.

- (1) The WIAA will contract two officials for each tournament site.
- (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - \$90 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.
- (3) Line Judges – See page 62.

c. Game Balls

The official State Tournament ball is: Girls – Molten IV58L-3-HS Super Touch (red-white-blue). Boys – Molten V58L-3-HS Pro Touch (red-white-blue). This ball must be used by host schools throughout the WIAA tournament series.

d. Awards

- (1) Plaque to championship teams (girls teams only).

e. Finances

- (1) Host School Allowance

- (a) A financial report available on the WIAA website must be filed by each school conducting a tournament.
- (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials and line judges.
 - 2) Host School - \$310, including the managers fee - \$90.
- (c) If a balance remains after the items in (b) above are paid, the WIAA and the host school shall share (50-50) in this amount.
- (d) If tournament receipts do not cover items in (b) above, the WIAA will subsidize the host school in the amount of the deficit.

- (2) Participating School Allowance - There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.

- (3) Ticket Prices

- (a) Child/Student/Adult - \$6
- (b) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, a \$1 ticket for children under 6 years of age, if accompanied by a parent/guardian.

- (4) Ticket Allocations

- (a) Host schools must furnish their own ticket supplies.
- (b) Each competing school shall receive the same distribution of allocated tickets.
- (c) The quantity and quality of seats allocated to each participating school must be equal.
- (d) Tournament managers must allow, in fact should encourage, participating schools to have an advance sale in their community. Managers are authorized to indicate to schools requesting a full allotment of tickets that they are obligated to either pay for such tickets or return them by a designated time.

- (5) Admission Policies

Free admissions will be provided only for a school playing a match:

- (a) Only teams which are playing at a given site on a given night.
- (b) A party of 22 including players, coaches, managers, etc.
- (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 assistants 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 if working, 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 the match at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets for these individuals.
- (g) Free admissions permissible under (a), (b), (c), and (d) above are not transferable.
- (h) Free admissions shall not be given to (1) members of a band or (2) persons involved in prematch 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) All sectionals (semifinals - Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 and championships - all) must be played in the evening at 7 p.m. Division 1 semifinal matches must be played at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Note: For Division 1, Sectional 1 only, if all four schools are in agreement, the sectional semifinals may be played at two different sites. The WIAA will select both sites.

- (2) The format will be straight elimination consisting of a three-out-of-five set rally scored match.

b. Officials

All officials, with the exception of LO and LR, licensed with the WIAA are eligible to be contracted in the tournament program, with preference given to officials having a classification of L5 and Master.

- (1) The WIAA will contract two officials for each tournament site.

- (2) Officials will be paid:

- (a) Officiating Fee - \$100 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.

- (3) Line Judges - See page 62.

c. Game Balls

The official State Tournament ball is: Girls - Molten IV58L-3-HS Super Touch (red-white-blue). Boys - Molten V58L-3-HS Pro Touch (red-white-blue). This ball must be used by host schools throughout the WIAA tournament series.

d. Awards

- (1) Plaque to championship teams.
- (2) Plaque to runner-up teams (boys teams only).
- (3) Medals to members (15) of championship and runner-up teams.
- (4) Schools may purchase from the WIAA additional medals for members of the championship and runner-up teams.
- e. Finances
 - (1) Host School Allowance
 - (a) A financial report provided by the WIAA must be filed by each school conducting a tournament.
 - (b) The following items are authorized for payment out of tournament receipts:
 - 1) Fees and expenses of officials and line judges.
 - 2) Host School - \$310, including the managers fee - \$90.
 - (c) If a balance remains after the items in (b) above are paid, the WIAA and the host school shall share (50-50) in this amount.
 - (d) If tournament receipts do not cover items in (b) above, the WIAA will subsidize the host school in the amount of the deficit.
 - (2) Participating School Allowance - There is no allowance of any kind for participating schools.
 - (3) Sectional Ticket Price
 - (a) Children/Student/Adult - \$7
 - (b) Sectional semifinal double header (Division 1) Children/Student/Adult - \$7 (2 matches)
 - (c) Sectional final girls/boys double header Children/Student/Adult - \$7 (2 matches)
 - (d) Host schools may sell, if their facilities permit, a \$1 ticket for children under 6 years of age, if accompanied by a parent/guardian.
 - (4) Ticket Allocations
 - (a) Host schools must furnish their own ticket supplies.
 - (b) Each competing school shall receive the same distribution of allocated tickets.
 - (c) The quantity and quality of seats allocated to each participating school must be equal.
 - (d) Tournament managers must allow, in fact should encourage, participating schools to have an advance sale in their community. Managers are authorized to indicate to schools requesting a full allotment of tickets that they are obligated to either pay for such tickets or return them by a designated time.
 - (5) Admission Policies

Free admissions will be provided only for a school playing a match:

 - (a) Only teams which are playing at a given site on a given night.
 - (b) A party of 22 including players, coaches, managers, etc.
 - (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 assistants 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 if working, 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 the match at no cost, the host school must purchase tickets for these individuals.
 - (g) Free admissions permissible under (a), (b), (c), and (d) above are not transferable.
 - (h) Free admissions shall not be given to (1) members of a band or (2) persons involved in prematch or between game entertainment, except the host school's band may be admitted free if it performs.

6. STATE TOURNAMENT

a. Scheduling of Competition

The schedule of matches and pairings for the State Tournament are determined by using the preassigned numbered sectional in which each school participated.

Session 1 – Wednesday, November 5 – 4 p.m. – Boys Quarterfinals

#2 Seed vs. #7 Seed

#3 Seed vs. #6 Seed

Wednesday, November 5 – 7 p.m. – Boys Quarterfinals

#4 Seed vs. #5 Seed

#1 Seed vs. #8 Seed

Session 2 – Thursday, November 6 – 9 a.m. – Girls Division 5 Semifinals

#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed

#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Session 3 – Thursday, November 6 – 11:30 a.m. – Girls Division 4 Semifinals

#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed

#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Session 4 – Thursday, November 6 – 2 p.m. – Boys Semifinals

Upper Bracket Winners

Lower Bracket Winners

Session 5 – Thursday, November 6 – 5 p.m. – Girls Division 1 Quarterfinals

#2 Seed vs. #7 Seed

#3 Seed vs. #6 Seed

Session 6 – Thursday, November 6 – 7:30 p.m. – Girls Division 1 Quarterfinals

#4 Seed vs. #5 Seed

#1 Seed vs. #8 Seed

Session 7 – Friday, November 7 – 8 a.m. – Girls Division 3 Semifinals

#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed

#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Session 8 – Friday, November 7 – 10:30 a.m. – Girls Division 2 Semifinals

#1 Seed vs. #4 Seed

#2 Seed vs. #3 Seed

Session 9 – Friday, November 7 – 1 p.m. – Girls Division 1 Semifinals

Upper Bracket Winners

Lower Bracket Winners

Session 10 – Friday, November 7 – 7:30 p.m. – Boys Championship

Session 11 – Saturday, November 8

9 a.m. – Girls Division 5 Championship

11:30 a.m. – Girls Division 4 Championship

Session 12 – Saturday, November 8

2:30 p.m. – Girls Division 3 Championship

5 p.m. – Girls Division 2 Championship

7:30 p.m. – Girls Division 1 Championship

- b. The first team alphabetically by official school name will wear dark jerseys, unless the team only has one (light color) uniform option.
- c. The prematch warm-ups shall consist of 20 minutes using the regional and sectional warm-up procedures.
- d. Awards will be given out immediately after the championship match.
- e. Officials
 - (1) The WIAA will contract 20 officials (girls tournament) and 10 officials (boys tournament).
 - (2) Officials will be paid:
 - (a) Officiating Fee - \$120 per match.
 - (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.
 - (3) Line judges - \$60 per match.
- f. Game Balls

The Official State Tournament Ball for girls is the Molten IV58L-3-HS Super Touch (red, white, & blue).

The Official State Tournament Ball for boys is the Molten V58L-3-HS Pro Touch (red, white, & blue).
- g. Awards
 - (1) Trophy to championship and runner-up teams.
 - (2) Medals to members (18) of championship and runner-up teams.
 - (3) Schools may purchase from the WIAA additional medals for members of the championship and runner-up teams.
- h. Finances
 - (1) Participating Schools Allowance

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

 - (a) Travel to and from State Tournament city (each day if necessary) at the rate of \$2 per mile.
 - (b) No allowance will be paid to schools located in State Tournament city.
 - (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 \$10.
 - (d) Lodging at the rate of \$35 per night for each player in uniform, plus two other persons. Schools less than fifty miles from Green Bay

will not be reimbursed for lodging.

- (e) In order to assure teams will have a place to stay at the State Tournament, the WIAA enters into agreements with area hotels to serve as tournament hotels. If a team opts not to stay at assigned hotel, the school will not receive lodging reimbursement from the WIAA.

(2) Additional Cleanup Costs

Additional (beyond the usual and routine) cleanup costs or vandalism caused by a competing school's fans or team will be documented, and the associated costs will be deducted from the above published expense allowance.

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

- (a) Single Session\$11*

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

- (b) School Team Discounted Ticket Package

- 1) \$9/Session for whole tournament

Senior High School and Middle School teams are eligible for pre-ordered tickets. Must have adult supervisor and must order tickets as a team.

- (c) Complete information relating to tickets for the championship games will be provided to member schools via email.

- (e) Tickets for the State Tournament will be available for purchase at the door on the days of the State Tournament.

- (f) There are no reserved seats at any session of the State Tournament.

(4) Admission Policies

Free admissions will be provided only for:

- (a) A party of 22 including players, coaches, managers, athletic trainers, etc.

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

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

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



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