



# SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

January 2012

1. This is a summary of the recommended changes. It may be necessary to thoroughly review the Coaches Advisory Committee minutes to fully understand the proposals.
2. Various groups taking action on these proposals should make a motion to support or deny the proposal as presented by the Coaches Advisory Committee or modify the proposal and vote accordingly.

## ***VOLLEYBALL***

1. Recommend seed meeting hosts for all divisions be assigned alphabetically and rotate hosting each year. The WIAA staff would monitor host assignments so that no school was required to host two years in a row.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 5-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes *</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes * 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0*</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes* 17-0</u>		

\*Amended: Seed meeting hosts will be secured using the current practice of asking for volunteers. In the event no school volunteers to host the seeding meeting for a given grouping, a host will be assigned based on an alphabetic rotation.

2. Recommend that in Division 1 Sectional #1, if 60% or more of the schools object to grouping the entire sectional together, the group will be split into two separate regionals. In Divisions 2, 3 and 4, if 60% or more of the schools object to grouping the half bracket together, the group will be split into two separate regionals. The deadline for notifying the WIAA of a school's opposition would be June 1.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 5-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes *</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes * 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0*</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes* 16-1</u>		

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3. Recommend the top four State Tournament qualifying teams in boys volleyball be placed in rank order with the remaining teams randomly drawn as opponents. The qualifying coaches would conduct a conference call on Sunday morning prior to the State Tournament to place and draw the teams into the State brackets. The procedures used for regional seed meetings would be used and the WIAA staff would conduct the meeting.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 5-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Split</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 10-1</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 7-7</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 12-5</u>		

4. Recommend a maximum of 22 bench personnel, which includes a maximum of 15 eligible players and additional people such as coaches, managers, statisticians, principal, athletic director, etc., be permitted to occupy the team bench.

Currently: 20 bench personnel

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 5-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>No</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 0-11</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 1-13</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 0-17</u>		

## **GOLF**

1. Recommend players be 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.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 6-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 9-2</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 12-2</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 17-0</u>		

## **TENNIS**

No recommendations came forward from the committee.

## **SWIMMING & DIVING**

1. Recommend a change in how divisions are determined from a 60/40 split to a 50/50 split (five sectionals in each division) and to increase the number of state qualifiers in Division 2 from 16 to 24 beginning in 2012-13. Should there be an odd number of schools sponsoring swimming, the extra school would be assigned to Division 1.

Currently: Division 1 has 6 sectionals with 24 qualifiers for each event advancing to the State Meet. In Division 2, there are 4 sectionals with 16 qualifiers for each event advancing to the State Meet.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 5-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>No</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 0-11</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 0-14</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 0-17</u>		

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

1. Recommend the largest 120 schools that sponsor cross country be placed in Division 1, the next largest 122 schools sponsoring cross country would be in Division 2, all remaining schools would be placed in Division 3.

Current Language: Division 1 has 120 schools, remaining schools sponsoring cross country are split 50/50 between Divisions 2 and 3.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 6-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 17-0</u>		

2. Recommend that a fee no greater than \$25 be charged for each boys and girls team entered in the sectional meet.

Currently: No entry fee is charged for sectional meet.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 6-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Split</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 0-11</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 4-13</u>		

## ***CROSS COUNTRY (cont.)***

### 3. Recommend only two licensed officials be contracted to work each sectional cross country meet.

Currently: Three officials (referee and two starters) are contracted for each sectional meet.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 6-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 17-0</u>		

## ***SOCCKER***

### 1. Recommend the elimination of the regional final doubleheaders in the girls tournament series beginning in 2013.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 5-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 17-0</u>		

### 2. Recommend soccer seeding meetings be done electronically, unless 25% of the schools in a given grouping object, and the sectional final host be designated as the seeding meeting host.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 5-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes*</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes * 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0*</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes* 17-0</u>		

\* Amended - Recommend soccer seeding meetings be done electronically, unless 50% of the schools in a given grouping object, and the sectional final host be designated as the seeding meeting host if no one within a given grouping volunteers to host the seeding meeting.

### 3. Recommend soccer tournament series (girls & boys) be divided into 4 equal divisions with 4 teams qualifying for the State Tournament.

Current Language: 3 divisions. Division 1 - Largest 128 schools (8 teams at state). Divisions 2 & 3 divided 50/50 (4 teams at state).  
 For 2011 boys tournament series - 128 schools in Division 1; 67 schools in Division 2; 68 schools in Division 3 -- 263 schools.  
 For 2012 girls tournament series - 128 schools in Division 1; 61 schools in Division 2; 61 schools in Division 3 -- 250 schools.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 5-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>No</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 0-11</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 5-9</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 0-17</u>		

## ***FOOTBALL***

### 1. Recommend Grade 9 only teams be allowed to play their final game of the regular season in Week 16 the same as nonvarsity.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 7-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 17-0</u>		

### 2. Recommend a scrimmage opportunity be allowed on Friday/Saturday of week two.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 7-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 17-0</u>		

## ***FOOTBALL (cont.)***

3. Recommend that equipment handout and fitness testing be allowed one day prior to the first allowed practice.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 7-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 17-0</u>		

4. Recommend the nine-game regular season be maintained in 2012 with practice to begin on Tuesday, August 7 and equipment handout and fitness testing be allowed on Monday, August 6.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 7-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>No</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 0-11</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 0-14</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 0-17</u>		

5. Recommend a nine-game regular season schedule be maintained in 2013 and beyond.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 7-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 17-0</u>		

6. Recommend the addition of 8-player football as a part of the recognized WIAA sport offerings with the following provisions:

1. Enrollment average - a 3-year enrollment average of 200 or less for eligible schools.

2. Declaration deadline of May 1 for the 2012 season and thereafter schools would declare by February 1 for the following season.

3. A 2-year commitment will be required.

4. Jamboree/Bracket will be scheduled during Week 11 (Level 3).

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 7-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 17-0</u>		

7. Recommend the playoff groupings be seeded by the coaches using the current criteria avoiding conference match-ups when possible in round one. Seeding meetings shall be on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the school most centrally located. Game film of each team's last two games shall be brought to the seeding meeting for game tape exchange.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 7-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes*</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes* 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 9-5*</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes* 17-0</u>		

\* Amended - Recommend the playoff groupings be seeded by the coaches. Seeding meetings shall be on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the school most centrally located. Game film of each team's last two games shall be brought to the seeding meeting for game tape exchange.

8. Recommend the addition of language stating the higher seeded team will host all games in Levels 1-3

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 7-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes*</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes* 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0*</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes* 17-0</u>		

\* Amended - Recommend the highest seeded team host the Level 3 game unless a neutral site is deemed to be necessary.

9. Recommend the host school be allowed to use an alternate field provided that site is on the approved site list.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 7-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 17-0</u>		

## ***FOOTBALL (cont.)***

10. Recommend Friday night be the default day for Level 1-3 games unless schools mutually agree to play on Saturday.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 7-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>No</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 3-8</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 5-9</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 7-10</u>		

11. Recommend approval of the following language:

c. Teams without WIAA conference affiliation, playing an independent schedule against approved competition that win a minimum of six varsity games.

Note: 1. A team that withdraws from a conference, without conference and WIAA approval, during a football season shall be ineligible for playoff consideration during that school year and shall also be subject to a four-year ineligibility period as set forth in 1-e.

2. Teams which have voluntarily withdrawn from a conference will not be seeded in the playoff series.

d. Teams with a winning conference record, or champions of a non-WIAA conference, playing a minimum of five conference games.

e. Teams that voluntarily withdraw from a conference, without conference and WIAA approval, shall be ineligible for football playoff consideration the next four 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 four-year ineligibility period will not affect its ineligibility for playoff consideration during the four school years that follow its initial withdrawal.

f. 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.

Coaches Advisory	<u>Yes 6-0-1</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes* 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 17-0</u>		

\* Amended e. Teams that voluntarily withdraw from a conference, without conference and WIAA approval, shall be ineligible for football playoff consideration the next four 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, such as a co-op, but not limited to a co-op, during its four-year ineligibility period will not affect its ineligibility for playoff consideration during the four school years that follow its initial withdrawal.

## ***OFFICIALS ADVISORY***

1. Recommend beginning with the 2013-14 school year that the number of test questions on the Part I and Part II exams be no less than 50 questions.

Officials Advisory	<u>Yes 11-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>No</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 0-11</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 0-14</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 0-17</u>		

2. Recommend all ranks provided by a coach to an official be counted towards the average not just the final rank of the season.

Officials Advisory	<u>Yes 11-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 17-0</u>		

## ***OFFICIALS ADVISORY (cont.)***

3. Recommend cross country and track & field officials be licensed separately. If an individual is both a cross country official and track official, he/she would pay an additional \$5 for the sport of cross country. Effective 2012-13.

Officials Advisory	<u>Yes 11-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes*</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes* 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes* 17-0</u>		

\* Amended - Fee for cross country would remain at \$10 like all other sports.

4. Recommend the number of officials assigned to cross country sectionals be reduced from 3 to 2.

Officials Advisory	<u>Yes 11-0</u>	Executive Staff	<u>Yes</u>	Board of Control	<u>Yes 11-0</u>
Sports Advisory	<u>Yes 14-0</u>	Advisory Council	<u>Yes 17-0</u>		