

WELCOME

2011 WIAA Football



WIAA

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WIAA Football History

- A reminder of the committee process used by the WIAA membership
 - Football Coaches Advisory Committee
 - Sports Advisory Committee
 - Advisory Council
 - Board of Control



WIAA Football History

- How did we get to where we are today?
- The District Football Plan
 - Met with WFCA on July 9, 2009
 - Met with WFCA Board on July 19, 2009
 - Discussed at the Board of Control on August 7, 2009
 - Discussed at the Area Meetings during September, 2009
 - Discussed at the Board of Control on October 16, 2009



WIAA Football History

- The District Football Plan
 - Discussed at FB Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting, December 15, 2009
- Staff Discussion
 - Too much Travel
 - Forced teams to play 9th game
 - Conference Rivalries
 - Divisiveness of the WFCA



WIAA Football History

- The District Football Plan
 - Discussed at the Sports Advisory
 - Reviewed WFCA Survey – 152 responded
 - 55% in favor – 45% against
 - Defeated 11-2
 - Discussed at the Advisory Council on January 26, 2010
 - 0-17 for implementation
 - Discussed at the Board of Control on January 27, 2010
 - Lack of overwhelming support for state-wide change



WIAA Football History

- The District Football Plan
 - Elimination of 3 games in 10 days
 - Risk to Association – Tournament format is determined by procedures and rule states one game per week.
 - Exposure to injury with multiple games in a shortened period.
 - Football only conference realignment
 - Removal of overall winning percentage



WIAA Football History

- Concussion – a factor, but not alone
- McCrea study - 2004
 - 1532 varsity football players
 - 20 Milwaukee high schools
 - 29.9% reported history of concussion
 - 15.3% reported sustaining a concussion during the current season



McCrea, M., et. al. (2004). Unreported concussion in high school football players. Sports Medicine, January, 2004.

WIAA Football History

- Concussion – a factor, but not alone
- McCrea study – 2004
 - 47.3% reported their injury (52.7% did not)
 - Why?
 - 66.4% didn't think it was serious enough
 - 41.% didn't want to be withheld from game
 - 36.1% lack of awareness of probable concussion

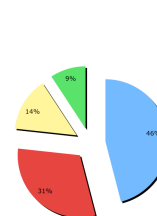


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Elimination of 3 Games in 10 Days



First Choice Season Ending



- 1. Start the season on the Wednesday of Week 5 in August instead of Monday of Week 6.
- 2. Eliminate Week Nine and play eight regular season games.
- 3. Move the WIAA State one week later.
- 4. Reduce the play-off field to 112 teams.

Elimination of 3 Games in 10 Days

- Nine games with Early Start
 - Sports Advisory supported the 9 games
 - Advisory Council supported the 8 games
 - Because coaches did not wish for early start
 - Board of Control supported the 9 games
 - Much discussion
 - Move summer contact end up for FB
 - WFCB was concerned about Early Start



Early Start

- WFCB wanted 8 games plus 1
- Board of Control met September 10, 2010
 - WFCB Survey
 - 322/432 favored 8 +1
 - 22/432 favored Early Start
 - BoC concern about proposals outside of the committee process
 - BoC did not favor guaranteed 9th game



Early Start

- Board of Control met October 15, 2010
 - Voted down 8 games plus one guaranteed
- FB Coaches Advisory met December 7, 2010
 - Proposed going after Thanksgiving
 - Proposed 8 plus Optional 1
- Board of Control met January 26, 2011
 - Passed the 8 game season for 2012
 - (schools can play up to 10 already allowed)
 - Formed the Ad Hoc Committee



WIAA Football Ad Hoc

- Survey sent to Member Schools

• Table 1 – Coaches nine game response

Early Start (9 games)	106	33.54%
Late Start (8 games)	195	61.71%
No Response	15	4.75%

• Table 2 - Should there be a period of no contact before the first practice?

Yes	181	57.28%
No	127	40.19%
No Response	8	2.53%



WIAA Football Ad Hoc

- Met on February 16, 2011
- Reduced player football
 - 8 player
 - Jamboree if enough schools
 - Tournament if enough schools
- History of Football Playoffs
 - Review of playoffs in football in 1971
 - Playoffs began in 1976 with 4 divisions



WIAA Football Ad Hoc

- History of Football Playoffs
 - Five divisions in 1980 with compressed schedule
 - Coaches and athletic directors did not want to give up the ninth game
 - Some schools started in first week of August, but many in the southern part of the state started the second week of August



WIAA Football Ad Hoc

- History of Football Playoffs
 - Football Only Conferences proposed by John Roberts, WIAA Executive Director, in 1983
 - Travel Concerns and conference rivalries caused quite a stir and 85% of member schools opposed.
- The main question to the Football Ad Hoc Committee: 8 or 9 games?
 - Discussion of moving back to after Thanksgiving and motion passed to end with the same weeks we are already using.
 - Reasons provided: Holiday intrusion, winter season intrusion, other WIAA tournament support, weather, stadium availability, summer contact days, deer hunting.



WIAA Football Ad Hoc

- In 1985, the Board of Control voted to eliminate 3 games in 10 in 1987. But the plan was scuttled when playoffs expanded in 1987.
- 9 games in 2011; 8 games in 2012, 9 games in 2013 & 2014
- The "Big Foot" Plan
 - Coaches met at the WFCU Clinic



WIAA Football Ad Hoc

- Met again on April 4, 2011
- Motion to not begin before Week 6 passed
- Reaffirmed: 9 games in 2011; 8 games in 2012, 9 games in 2013 & 2014
- The Ad Hoc Plan – maintain 10 game season with 7 conference games 3 district games and 3 WIAA tournament games
- A survey of the WIAA membership on whether the schools had a desire to continue exploring the Ad Hoc plan had a response of 101 no votes and 201 yes votes. Again, 126 schools did not respond.



WIAA Area Meetings

- Area Meetings

Straw Polls

	Games in a Season		Tournament Plan	
	9 Game Season	8 Game Season	All Play (Ad Hoc)	Current Model
Barneveld	10	20	9	X
West Allis	12	20	17	25
Antigo	35%	55%	X	X
Watertown	9	20	15	18
Appleton	14	50	10	50
Rice Lake	9	24	4	25
Black River Falls	5	29	X	X



Early Start History

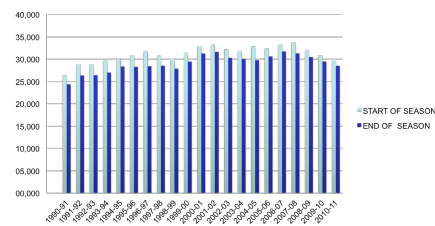
Table 3 – Football start date history

Year	Practice	Equipment Handout
1984	August 7	August 2
1985	August 12	August 8
1986	August 11	August 7
1987	August 10	August 6
1988	August 8	August 4
1989	August 7	August 3
1990	August 6	August 2
1991	August 14	Equipment hand out provision was removed



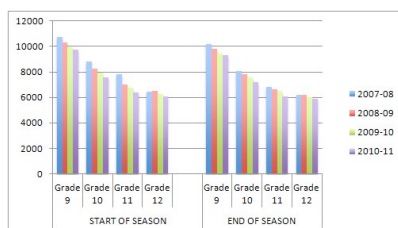
Participation Numbers

Football Participation by Year



Participation Numbers

Football Participation by Grade



September 1 Start Date

- The Wisconsin State Legislature passed Wisconsin Act 16 in 2001 which "requires school boards to start a school term after September 1"



Football Tournament

- Current, Ad Hoc, All-play – Is every team in the tournament?
- Since the inception of the tournament, the FB Coaches Advisory has been adamant about preserving conference play. Therefore, it is not seeded.



Football Tournament

- Todd Clark reviewed the football playoffs from 2008-11. In his review, Clark found:
 - Four-year record of .500 teams in Level One was 13-71 or .155
 - Total score in the losses was 2815-727
 - Average score in the losses was 33.5 to 8.66
 - In 2011, record of .500 teams in Level One was 3-26
 - In 2011, total score in losses was 1160-256
 - In 2011, average score in the losses was 40 to 8.83



Football Tournament

- 2010 Information

Table 4 – 2010 wins by seeds

Seed	(1) Win	(2) Win	(3) Win	(4) Win	(5) Win	(6) Win	(7) Win	(8) Win
Wins	27	18	23	16	12	5	10	1

Table 5 – 2010 Wisconsin first round football scores

	(8) vs (1)	(7) vs (2)	(6) vs (3)	(5) vs (4)
Average Score Differential	27.4	21.6	23.0	18.0
Median	28.5	21	22	14.5
High Score Differential	62	52	45	44
Low Score Differential	1	1	1	1



Football Tournament

- 2011 Information

Table 6 – 2011 wins by seeds

Seed	(1) Win	(2) Win	(3) Win	(4) Win	(5) Win	(6) Win	(7) Win	(8) Win
Wins	24	24	21	16	12	7	4	4

Table 7 – 2011 Wisconsin first round football scores

	(8) vs (1)	(7) vs (2)	(6) vs (3)	(5) vs (4)
Average Score Differential	26.9	24.5	21.3	22.7
Median	27	24	19.5	21
High Score Differential	64	55	47	53
Low Score Differential	1	2	1	5



Football Tournament

- Three state associations have All-Play: Indiana, Kansas, Pennsylvania.

Table 8 – Do all high schools qualify for the football tournament?

Responses	Football			
	National		Wisconsin & Neighboring States	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
	3a	37	1b	5

Note. a = Indiana, Kansas, Pennsylvania responded yes. b = Indiana responded yes. (Labecki, 2010, p. 99)



Football Tournament

- Minnesota (almost)
 - “... there was a survey conducted by our FB Coaches Association about four years ago. The survey was much broader than just this question, but at that time about 60% of the coaches felt that not everyone should make the playoffs. However, the leadership of the Association and the FB Task force that met for the last year and a half and they were against this change. At this time we are not considering any changes to the current format.”
 - Kevin Merkle of MSHSL



Football Tournament

- 2010 Minnesota Information

Table 9 – 2010 Minnesota wins by seeds

Seed	(1) Win	(2) Win	(3) Win	(4) Win	(5) Win	(6) Win	(7) Win	(8) Win	(8) vs (1)	Forfeit
Wins	27	41	40	32	16	4	1	0	2	

Table 10 – 2010 Minnesota first round football scores

	(8) vs (1)	(7) vs (2)	(6) vs (3)	(5) vs (4)
Average Score Differential	34.1	29.0	22.8	19.6
Median	32	28	24	15
High Score Differential	70	64	52	56
Low Score Differential	6	3	1	1



Conclusion

- Our Association must determine what is best for football and for kids.
- Factors:
 - The Effect of Seeding and All-Play
 - Wishes of the Schools or of the Coaches
 - The Best Tournament Plan
 - Early or Late Start
- The Board of Control has eliminated 3 games in 10 and saved nine games twice.



Recommendation

- WFCA Board to meet November 13, 2011
- Ad Hoc to meet November 30, 2011
- FB Coaches Advisory to meet December 6, 2011
- Sports Advisory to meet January, 9, 2012
- Advisory Council to meet January 24, 2012
- Board of Control to meet January, 25, 2012



Thank You

- Have a great winter and spring season.
- If you are still in tournaments, Good Luck

