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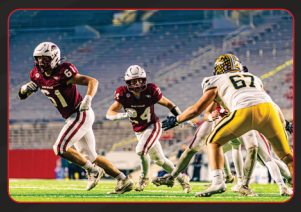

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WIAA High School Rules at a Glance

The WIAA Rules at a Glance offers a brief synopsis of WIAA Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility, to address in general some of the most common questions of the membership.

WIAA Bylaws, which outline the provisions of membership in the Association and the Rules of Eligibility, appear in the WIAA Handbook. The reader should refer to that publication, or confer with your school athletic director, for more complete information. Your Athetic Director (AD) should always be your first contact for questions or concerns about school sports.

WIAA rules and regulations are established by membership vote. The Annual Meeting is held in the spring of the year, at which time amendments are presented to the membership. The interpretation and enforcement of the rules and regulations are the responsibility of the WIAA Executive Office and Board of Control.

It is the responsibility of member schools to abide by the rules of the Association, to educate students, coaches, parents, and others regarding the provisions of membership and Rules of Eligibility and to report to the WIAA all violations of Association provisions.

I. Coaches and Coaching Contact

A. **Returning c**oaches may not have coaching contact with any athletes that they will be coaching (except their own children) the following school season during restricted times. There is no distinction between varsity and junior varsity (J.V.) coaches, i.e., J.V. coaches cannot coach varsity athletes during restricted times, and vice-versa, nor any distinction between paid and nonpaid (volunteer) coaches. An exception is that varsity and J.V. coaches can have coaching contact with students who have just completed 8th grade or any preceding grade up until those 8th graders actually start their 9th grade year.

B Coaching restrictions apply to all sports during the school year, except during the respective sport season. All coaches have sanctioned school coaching contact in the summer, between June 1 and July 31 with no contact July 1 through July 6. Football must follow WIAA Fall Football Acclimatization rules and contact ends July 26, 2025. In 2026, July 25 will be the last day for football coaches contact. In addition, coaching restrictions do not apply in the summer beyond the sanctioned school days in all sports except football, the summer being defined as when school is not in normal session, **provided such nonschool programs are not limited to students on the basis of school or team affiliation**. Other than during the actual school season and as specifically approved in the summer, coaches may not have coaching contact with their athletes other than as listed above; including practicing or competing with athletes, driving athletes to nonschool competition, driving athletes to camps, clinics, etc., or having basically anything to do with the athletes' nonschool participation. Further, coaches may not:

1. Mandate athletes participate in nonschool competition, or determine who may or may not participate in nonschool activities.
2. Require involvement in out-of-season activities as part of the requirements for making a school team, earning a school letter award, etc.
3. Provide incentives such as T-shirts, etc., for participation in the off-season.

II. Schools and School Teams

A. Competition and Practice

1. Schools may conduct sport competition and practice only during the defined respective sport season as specified in Season Regulations and during Board of Control–approved sanctioned school contact days in the summer. Season Regulations detail, for example, when practice starts, how many contests may be played, how many contests individuals may participate in, how many practice days are required before the first competition, and when the season ends. This means schools and school organizations, such as the letter winners club, the senior class, etc., cannot be involved in running any competition or practice in WIAA recognized sports outside the defined school season for that sport and during the summer sanctioned school contact days.
2. WIAA rules also specify a school may not assemble athletes, or prospective athletes, in physical education classes, or some other manner, for purposes of teaching fundamentals, techniques, plays, etc., except during the designated school season of that particular sport and summertime-sanctioned school days. Further, schools may not organize conditioning programs limited to students with athletic team status, or to prospective athletes, except during the designated school season of that sport. Nor may a school conduct intramural programs, which involve athletes with past status on a school team, at any level, except during the established school season of a sport. (BL – Art. II)
3. **Interstate Competition:** WIAA Bylaws prohibit member schools from competing against school teams that are post-secondary schools and/or academies and schools that are not members of their respective state associations. They also limit the number of events member schools may schedule in non-bordering states to one competition, event, and/or scrimmage per team each school season. Schools may schedule any number of events in bordering states within season game maximum limitations. Bylaws also provide that competition which involves out-of-state teams may require additional WIAA and/or National Federation sanctioning. Additional requirements exist relative to school teams participating in competition sponsored by non-school providers, e.g. Professional sport teams, American Legion, YMCA. (BL – Art. II)
4. A school coach must always be present when an athlete is participating in interscholastic competition. It is not acceptable for parents, or others, to take the place of the coach at school-sponsored competition, unless they meet WIAA coaching requirements and have the approval of the school administration. (RE – Art. I, Sect. 7 and Art. VI, Sect. 2)

B. Uniforms and Equipment

1. Schools may not issue wearing apparel and protective equipment prior to the first allowable day of practice, unless specifically allowed in Season Regulations for that sport.
2. One exception is that, with the approval of its governing body, schools may issue school uniforms or other wearing apparel and protective equipment for use by athletes in training or competition in the summertime. For school protective equipment, summertime shall be from the Friday before Memorial Day to the first day of school. Reminder: coaching contact is not allowed prior to June 1. During the school year, with the approval of its governing body, a school may issue its baseball and softball equipment at its own discretion. It is acceptable to issue implements at any time if the school wishes, such as vaulting poles, shot puts, hurdles, baseball bats, basketballs, volleyballs, etc. (BL – Art. III and RE – Art. VI, Sect. 2)

C. Clinics and School Facilities

1. Schools may not be involved in conducting clinics outside the season, with the following exceptions. So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students:

i. There shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, from June 1 through June 30 and July 1 through July 31. Sanctioned school contact days must conclude no later than July 31 for all sports except football. Sanctioned school contact for football must conclude by July 25, 2026 and July 24, 2027.

ii. A school may conduct a clinic for students in grades 8 and below, where high school varsity and junior varsity coaches may use some or all of their high school athletes as clinicians. This may be done June 1 through June 30 and July 1 through July 31.

iii. Clinics for students in grades 8 and below not utilizing athletes as clinicians may be conducted at any time.

iv. School facilities may be used for nonschool programs, according to board of education policy, which can result in clinics being conducted, outside the season, by nonschool groups. The nonschool group must request the facilities from the board of education or governing board, through normal procedures and are encouraged to provide their own insurance protection. (BL – Art. II and RE – Art. VI, Sect. 2)

D. Open Gyms

1. Coaches and schools cannot be involved in out-of-season practice for athletes. However, open gyms do not violate WIAA rules if they are conducted according to the following guidelines:

   i. The open gym is made known and available to all students in the designated population of that school that are interested in attending. Open gyms may be gender specific. It is also acceptable to include people from the community. Schools may conduct "open gyms" in any activity. It is not acceptable to include athletes from another school, public or nonpublic.

   ii. There is no instruction during the open gym by a coach or anyone else.

   iii. Coaches may supervise open gyms, but they may not instruct, organize drills, etc. Coaches can also recreate with students in school sponsored, open gym settings that are purely recreational in nature, i.e., there is no instruction, sport skill demonstration, organized drills, or resemblance of a practice being conducted.

   iv. There is no organized competition, such as established teams participating in round-robin competition, etc.

2. "Open Gym" is not a code word for out-of-season practice. The philosophy of the open gym is students from that school may attend, for wholesome recreation, or for purposes of improving their skills, but it's something they do on their own. It would be a violation of WIAA rules to mandate attendance at open gyms, or to provide incentives for athletes to attend open gyms, or to limit participation based on athletic status, or to allow athletes from other schools to come and work out or compete against the host school's athletes. (BL – Art. II and RE – Art. VI, Sect. 2)

E. Scrimmages

1. WIAA rules limit the number of interscholastic (another high school, tech school, college, etc.) scrimmages/practices teams may have. Teams may practice/scrimmage with or against nonschool groups (alumni, city team, etc.) at their discretion.

Note (1): An alumni contest counts toward season maximums. (BL – Art. II and SR)

Note (2): If either school counts a scrimmage as a game, it must be counted as a game for both programs, schools and/or teams.

F. Who May Participate Interscholastically

1. A school may use on its interscholastic teams only its full-time students enrolled in grades affiliated with WIAA membership.

Note: No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

2. A bona fide home school student may be eligible at their public school of residence on the same basis and to the same extent as all other full-time students of the member school.

3. Full-time students enrolled in member charter schools are eligible only at the school of residence.

4. The administration of the school is responsible for the eligibility of all its athletes. School administration must verify the eligibility of each participating student prior to their first competition each school year. A student must meet school and WIAA definition of a full-time student (as identified by school policy), be carried on a school's attendance roles and be meeting the minimum academic requirement in credits accepted by the school in order to be eligible to participate in any interscholastic competition.

5. Students that are academically ineligible, ineligible due to code of conduct violations, or those required to miss the next competitive event due to being ejected from their last competitive event, may participate in scrimmages against other schools according to local school policy. Students ineligible for other reasons may not participate in scrimmages against other schools.

6. For varsity eligibility, public school students are basically eligible to participate in the district in which their parents reside in their primary residence. A transfer of guardianship, or reaching 18 years of age, does not set aside this rule. Parents may not establish a secondary residence, in a second district, and gain athletic eligibility. Nonpublic school students, with the exception of boarding schools, must reside full-time with parents in their primary residence.

Note: For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of class and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine "beginning of school year."

7. Students entering 9th or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year as open enrollment students are eligible starting with the fall season, from a residence standpoint. If this student transfers back to the school of residence or to a nonpublic school, after attending one day of school or one athletic practice, he/she is ineligible for varsity competition for one calendar year. Additional transfer restrictions may apply to students following entry into their third consecutive semester.

8. Students entering 9th or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year as Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full-time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. Additional transfer restrictions may apply to students following entry into their third consecutive semester.

9. Students not meeting residence requirements will be eligible for non-varsity competition only, unless a waiver is provided.

10. All transfer students should initially be treated as ineligible athletes until the athletic director at the receiving school has had the opportunity to completely check all aspects of athletic eligibility.
    i. A student who transfers with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons or academics, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.
    ii. Students transferring more than once in any school year are not eligible for any level of competition unless a WIAA waiver is provided. (RE – Art. II Sect. 3-A-3)
11. 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided non-varsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s). Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade. First-time 9th grade students will be permitted one transfer upon appropriate petition to the WIAA Board of Control if the student has attended no more than three days of practice and/or no more than three days of school.
    i. 10th, 11th or 12th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved may be provided nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school].
    ii. Transfer students entering 11th or 12th grade or transferring after the beginning of 11th grade are restricted to non-varsity for one calendar year.
    iii. In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. Students transferring after the beginning of 10th grade will be restricted to non-varsity for one calendar year.
12. A student who transfers from any school into a member school will be subject to the transfer rules for one calendar year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s), or a waiver is provided.
13. Foreign exchange students may be granted one year of varsity eligibility if they come to a school through a CSIET approved exchange program with full listing status and are placed randomly. These students are not eligible until the appropriate form has been submitted to the WIAA and eligibility has been granted. Foreign exchange students who transfer from one school to another should be regarded as ineligible for varsity competition, the same as any other transfer student. (RE – Art. I and Art. II)

G. Consecutive Days of Competition/Practice

1. A team must take one day off, from all physical activity, after six consecutive days of practice/competition. Teams may schedule nonphysical activity, such as film review, scouting reports, rehab, etc., during this off day. (SR)

H. Protests

1. A protest is possible relative to a game official's misapplication of a rule. Such protests are not allowed in WIAA tournament competition. During the regular season, a protest will not result in replaying or repeating any game, meet, match, event, or race, or any portion of any game, meet, match, event, or race. The purpose of the protest is to correct an official if an official was in error. It is not possible to recreate the game situation that existed. (BL – Art. VI)
2. With the exception of the tournament series, a school may appeal a ruling of forfeiture based on an ineligible student's contribution to victory, in a team sport, with the understanding the school must satisfy to a clear and convincing standard the student in question did not contribute in any way to the victory. (RE – Art. I)

I. Code of Conduct

1. WIAA rules require that all schools have a code of conduct, which they must enforce on a year-round basis. WIAA rules do not indicate specific penalties, other than stating in-season violations involving possession and/or use of alcohol, possession and/or use of tobacco products, and/or the possession, use, buying or selling of controlled substances must result in at least a one-game (not scrimmage) suspension. Any suspension, which results in a student missing any portion of WIAA tournament competition, results in that athlete being ineligible for the remainder of the WIAA tournament series in that sport.
2. A student that transfers from one school to another with a suspension due to athletic code violation(s) from the previous school must serve that mandated suspension at the new school.
3. A student charged and/or convicted of a felony shall, upon the filing of felony charges, become ineligible for all further participation until the student has paid his/her debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).
4. The school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to any penalty being enforced (except for felony charges).
5. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, **the student is ineligible during the appeal process**.
6. A student ejected from a contest is suspended for the rest of that competition and the next scheduled competition at the same level of competition as the disqualification. If it happens the next competition is a multi-school meet, which counts as one meet on the schedule, the student misses the entire competition. (RE – Art. VII)
7. A student-athlete disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct is also suspended from the next competitive event.
8. 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.

J. Physical Examination

1. It is necessary the school have a current physical examination on file for every athlete **before the athlete is allowed to start practice**. This physical examination must bear the signature or signature stamp of a physician, or the stamp of the clinic the physician is associated with or the signature of a Physician's Assistant (PA) or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN). A physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years; a physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and following school year. (RE – Art. VII)

III. Students

A. Age Requirement

1. A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year. (RE – Art. III)

B. Consecutive Semester Rule

1. A student has eight consecutive semesters of potential athletic eligibility, starting with the first semester of his/her 9th grade year. A fifth year senior is not eligible to participate, unless a waiver is granted by the WIAA. (RE – Art. V)

C. Amateur Status

1. A student may not accept, receive and/or direct to another, reimbursement in any form of salary, cash (including gift cards), or share of game or season proceeds for athletic accomplishments, such as being on a winning team, being selected for the school varsity team, or being a place winner in an individual tournament, etc. A student may receive: 1) school mementos valued not more than $200, 2) an award valued no more than $100 retail, 3) nonschool competition apparel worn by the student as part of the team uniform. Rules further prevent athletes from capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money, compensation, endorsements or gifts of monetary value in affiliation with activities involving the student's school team, school, conference or WIAA. An athlete violates this rule if he/she plays in any contest (school or nonschool) under a name other than his/her own. (RE – Art. IV)

D. Nonschool Participation

1. WIAA rules do not prevent athletes from practicing with nonschool teams or from receiving private skills instruction during the school season. Rules indicate athletes may not participate in more than two nonschool competitions during the school season, in the same respective sport with prior school approval. Nonschool competitions include: races, scrimmages against other teams, normal nonschool games, "gimmicks," such as reduced numbers competition (3-on-3 basketball, 6 player soccer, etc.), fun runs (including "banditing"), etc. During the season, athletes may participate in a skills contest with approval of the school. Specific skill contests (punt, pass, and kick, shooting contests, e.g., free throws, 3 point, drive, chip and putt) isolate separate skills outside of the traditional competition setting. The skill contest may not include physical contact or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. Fun runs are not considered skills contests. There can be no school coach involvement. All other eligibility rules including amateur status apply. Additionally, a student who was a member of a school team during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training or competition. (RE – Art. VI)

E. All-Star Contests

1. Athletes with remaining high school eligibility may not participate in all-star contests. During the school year, a school, including its administrators, athletic director and coaches shall not become involved directly or indirectly with any kind of all-star or similar contest that involves students with remaining eligibility. An all-star team is one where participants are chosen on the basis of individual accomplishment or reputation. An underclassmen becomes ineligible in a sport for a maximum of one year from the date of last offense for participation in an all-star game or similar activity. A senior who violates this rule forfeits all remaining high school eligibility in the same specific sport as the all-star event. Violation of this rule results in loss of eligibility for the remainder of the season. (BL — Art. IV, Sect. 1 & RE – Art. VI, Sect. 3)

F. Expenses – Training and Competing

1. The WIAA recognizes a distinction between training and competing. Students must pay 100% of their own expenses, including transportation, to any nonschool (out-of-season) camps, clinics, or specialized training. Schools may pay expenses and provide transportation to similar in-season activities in that sport and during sanctioned school contact days in the summer.
2. A student may be reimbursed actual and necessary costs associated with competing. This may include transportation, food, lodging and entry fees.
3. A school may not become involved financially, through transportation or any other way in a student's nonschool participation outside the sport season and the Board of Control approved sanctioned school contact days in the summer. (BL – Art. II, RE – Art. IV and Art. VI)

Note: Funds kept in school activity accounts are considered school funds.

G. Out-of-Season

1. Athletes may participate in nonschool competition, outside the school season; however, certain restrictions apply. Amateur status rules are still in effect and must be observed. Schools cannot be involved, and coaches are restricted as indicated in Number 1, page 1. Team makeup may not be restricted based on school or team status. (BL – Art. II, RE – Art. IV and VI)

H. Falsification of Information

1. If a student or a student's parents or guardian falsify any information submitted to a school, and a student participates resulting in an order of forfeiture, the student becomes ineligible in all sports for one calendar year from the date of the last game or meet in which the student participated. (RE – Art. I, Sect. 5)

IV. Penalties for Violations

It should be noted that most rules do not have a specific penalty associated with them. The WIAA has the authority, however, to impose penalties relative to rules violations, such as 1) suspension of membership for not more than one year; 2) probation for not more than one year; 3) denial of participation in Association tournament program; 4) denial of any area of Association services and benefits; 5) monetary fine equal to Association expense incurred in any investigation and actual reimbursement of costs resulting from the violation; 6) forfeiture (team sports) of contests won by school or (individual sports) of points/places won by individuals; 7) loss of opportunity to host WIAA tournament events for not more than one year; 8) loss of conference affiliation; 9) loss of eligibility for athletes involved. (WIAA Constitution, Art. VI, RE – Art. 1)

Reference Key BL – Bylaws RE – Rules of Eligibility SR – Season Regulations 5/25 (revised)

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INTRODUCTION TO THE WIAA

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association is a voluntary, unincorporated, and nonprofit service organization. Currently, there are 516 schools in the membership which includes senior high public schools, charter schools, and religious and independent schools. Another 81 are associate members. There are also 29 members in the WIAA Junior High/Middle Level association with one associate member. The WIAA had its earliest beginnings in late 1895 and early 1896, and the first set of rules was adopted in December 1896.

The governing body of the WIAA is the Board of Control, which consists of 10 administrators from the senior high membership and one representative from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB). Seven of the 11 members represent geographical districts of the state, one is an at-large gender representative, one an at-large ethnic representative, and one is an at-large nonpublic school representative. The WASB member is named by its Board of Directors. Liaison representation is given to WADA (Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association), WASB (Wisconsin Association of School Boards), and the DPI (Department of Public Instruction). The first Board of Control was elected in 1897.

To assist the Board, an Advisory Council of administrators from senior highs was created in 1949 that now consists of 18 members. There are five members each from large, medium, and small school categories and three at-large representatives; gender, ethnic minority, and nonpublic school.

A Middle Level Council was created in 1996. Seven of the 10 members represent geographical districts of the state, one is an at-large gender representative, one an at-large ethnic minority representative, and one is an at-large nonpublic school representative. Liaison representation is provided to WAMLE (Wisconsin Association of Middle Level Educators), DPI, and WATA (Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Association).

Operation of the WIAA is the responsibility of the Executive Director and the executive staff at WIAA headquarters at 5516 Vern Holmes Drive in Stevens Point, WI. In addition to the Executive Director, there are seven additional executive staff members and 12 members of the support staff. There have been six executive heads of the WIAA; P.F. Neverman (1924-1951, Cliff Fagan (1951-1957, John E. Roberts (1957-1985), Doug Chickering (1986-2009), Dave Anderson (2009-2021), and Stephanie Hauser (2021-present).

The WIAA conducts an Annual Meeting (senior high) each year that provides its membership the opportunity to amend the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Eligibility and to address special topics. The WIAA is a charter member of the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Board of Control

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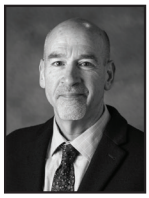
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Stevens Point
Area Senior High

Board of Control

Member	School	First Elected	Term Expires
	District 1 (Northwest)		
Cory Hinkel	Luck	2022	2028
	District 2 (Northeast)		
Nathan Lehman	Stratford	2024	2027
	District 3 (West Central)		
Brian Nadeau	Ellsworth	2024	2029
	District 4 (East Central)		
Bryan Davis	Oshkosh	2024	2029
	District 5 (Southwest)		
Kurt Cohen	Potosi	2024	2027
	District 6 (South Central)		
Ty Breitlow	Lomira	2026	2029
	District 7 (Southeast)		
Ryan McMillen	Muskego	2021	2028
	Wisconsin Association of School Boards		
Jim Bouché	Wausau	2025	2028
	At-Large Representative		
Katrice Cotton	Brown Deer	2026	2027
	At-Large Representative		
Tarrynce Robinson	West Allis-West Milwaukee	2026	2029
	At-Large Representative		
Ted Knutson	Aquinas (La Crosse)	2025	2028

Advisory Council

Member	School	First Elected	Term Expires
	Large Schools (172 Largest Schools)		
Joe Brandl	Plymouth	2022	2028
Jamie Koepp	Lakeland Union	2025	2029
Joseph Schneider	Monona Grove	2025	2028
Jon Vollendorf	Stevens Point Area Senior High	2024	2027
Tyson Tlachac	**Luxemburg-Casco**	**2026**	**2027**
	Medium Schools (172 Medium Schools)		
Michael Foley	Platteville	2024	2027
Patrick Gretzlock	Boyceville	2024	2029
Jeff Koenig	Stanley-Boyd	2023	2029
Jerry Pritzl	Poynette	2025	2028
Chad Steinmetz	**Bloomer**	**2026**	**2028**
	Small Schools (172 Smallest Schools)		
Craig Anderson Ruskin	Pepin	2025	2028
Dennis Kaczor	Rosholt	2026	2029
Kyle Luedtke	Frederic	2025	2028
Chris Nelson	Iola-Scandinavia	2025	2027
Jeffrey Campbell	Riverdale	2026	2027
	At-Large Representative		
Dr. Tremayne Clardy	Verona	2023	2029
	At-Large Representative		
Michael Lambrecht	Columbus Catholic	2024	2027
	At-Large Representative		
Janel Banton	**Pulaski**	**2026**	**2027**

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WIAA Committees

Sports Advisory Committee

Fourteen athletic administrators – seven male and seven female – elected by their peers from the seven Board of Control districts in the state and responsible to study requests of coaches and make recommendations in these and other areas. Three meetings annually – October, January, and June. Serving for the 2025-26 school year are: District 1 – Jason Sell, Baldwin-Woodville and Britni Hover, Barron; District 2 – Jeff Dorschner, Crivitz and Chris Nier, Wittenberg-Birnamwood; District 3 – Ryan Olson, West Salem and Hilary Stanek, Hillsboro; District 4 – Jenny Bandow, Luxemburg-Casco and Ryan Spaulding, Seymour; District 5 – Sue Meffert, Lodi and Eric Nee, Sun Prairie; District 6 – Mike LeBouton, Horicon and Bailey Racky, Big Foot; District 7 – Nina Rouse, Greenfield and Cordell Smith, Franklin.

Officials Advisory Committee

Fifteen game and meet officials (men and women) appointed by the Board of Control, representing all sports requiring officials and all areas of the state. One meeting annually (Dec. 9, 2026). Serving for the 2025-26 school year are: David Crisman, Waupaca (hockey); Mary DeYoung, De Pere (track & field); Ben Dieck, Shawano (volleyball); Jack Fleming, New Berlin (Conference Commissioners Liaison); Jeff Gross, Delafield (wrestling); Thomas Hack, Wausau (softball); Cindy Hoenisch, Eau Claire (gymnastics); Daryl Pries, Cadott (baseball); Dave Jameson, Oregon (football); Mike Klein, Marshfield (basketball); Marilinda Johnson, Brown Deer (gender minority at-large representative); Randy Kohn, Hartland Union (boys lacrosse); Judy Linsley, Whitefish Bay (swimming & diving); Marion Pitchford, Waukesha (ethnic minority at-large representative); Eric Plitzuweit, Waukesha North (WADA Liaison); Jon Schrantz, Waukesha (soccer); Susan Trapp, Hartland Union (girls lacrosse).

Sports Medical Advisory Committee

Medical doctors appointed by the Board of Control and asked to make recommendations in areas of physical well-being and safety of athletes. One meeting is scheduled annually. Serving for the 2025-26 school year are: Dr. Conrad Andringa, Madison; Dr. Amy Ford, Summit; Dr. Tim McGuine, Madison; Dr. Michael Ryan, Green Bay; Dr. Claudia Reardon, Madison; Dr. Brian Reeder, Madison; Dr. Michael Rogge, Prairie du Chien; Dr. Laurel Rudolph-Kniech, Marshfield; Dr. Kevin Walter, Milwaukee; Abbey Bubolz, Manitowoc (WDA Liaison); Mike Klein, Marshfield (Officials Liaison); Megan Olson, Onalaska (LAT Liaison); Carolyn Schwartzlow, Monticello (Athletic Director Liaison).

Sportsmanship Committee

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Calendar Of Numbered Weeks

The National Federation of State High School Associations of which the WIAA is a member has adopted a national calendar of numbered weeks.

This calendar, which is shown on Page 11 covering the current year, as well as the next eight years, runs from early July to end of June. Dates indicated are Sunday through Saturday, inclusive.

It will be noted the calendar changes by one day (two days if Leap Year is involved) each year. Every five or six years (depending on the number of Leap Years), the calendar "swings." The 2030-31 school year is the next "swing" year, when all dates move to their latest possible position for each numbered week.

In an effort to familiarize themselves with this national calendar of numbered weeks, schools will note the WIAA has indicated the week number in references to starting date and finishing date of all sports seasons in the calendars on pages 8, 9 and 10. For example, the cross country season's earliest starting date is in Week 7 and the end of the season (meet) is in Week 17.

WIAA schools should keep the following additional points in mind as they use the national calendar of numbered weeks:

Labor Day is always the first Monday in September.
Thanksgiving Day is always the fourth Thursday in November.
The week of Easter Sunday is indicated with an asterisk (*) in the calendar of numbered weeks.
Memorial Day is always the last Monday in May.

The number of the week for start and finish of seasons in all WIAA sports will ALWAYS be the same year after year UNLESS there is a change in length or time of season. For example, cross country's earliest starting date is Week 7 in 2026-27 and it will remain Week 7 year after year as long as present rules continue.

WIAA Calendar

(See Page 11 for Equivalent Dates in Future Years)

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
AREA MEETINGS			
Mauston	September 10	THESE	THESE
Oconomowoc	September 15	DATES	DATES
Rice Lake	September 16	WILL BE	WILL BE
Antigo	September 17	ANNOUNCED	ANNOUNCED
Mount Horeb	September 22	LATER	LATER
Fox Valley Lutheran	September 23		
Greenfield	September 24		
SPECIAL DATES			
Labor Day	September 7	September 6	September 4
*Rosh Hashanah	September 11-13	October 1-3	September 21-22
*Yom Kippur	September 21-22	October 10-11	September 30-October 1
Thanksgiving	November 26	November 25	November 23
Christmas	December 25	December 25	December 25
Ash Wednesday	February 10	March 1	February 14
Good Friday	March 26	April 14	March 30
Easter	March 28	April 16	April 1
Annual Meeting	April 23-27	TBD	TBD
Memorial Day	May 31	May 29	May 28
*Jewish holidays begin on the evening before and end the evening of the day listed.			
FOOTBALL			
Earliest Day to Issue Equipment	August 4	August 3	August 1
Earliest Day for Practice	August 4	August 3	August 1
Earliest Day for First Game	August 20	August 19	August 17
Latest Day for Final Game (8 player)	October 9	October 8	October 6
Latest Day for Final Game (11 player)	October 16	October 15	October 13
Level 1 - 8 Player	October 15-17	October 14-16	October 12-14
Level 1 - 11 Player	October 23-24	October 22-23	October 20-21
Level 2 - 8 Player	October 23-24	October 22-23	October 20-21
Level 2 - 11 Player	October 30-31	October 29-30	October 27-28
Sectionals - 8 Player	October 30-31	October 29-30	October 27-28
Sectionals - 11 Player	November 6-7	November 5-6	November 3-4
State Semifinals - 8 Player	November 6-7	November 5-6	November 3-4
State Semifinals - 11 Player	November 13-14	November 12-13	November 10-11
State Finals - 8 Player	November 14	November 13	November 11
State Finals (Week 20) 11 Player	November 19-20	November 18-19	November 16-17
GIRLS GOLF			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 6)	August 10	August 9	August 7
Earliest Day for First Meet	August 13	August 12	August 10
Regionals	September 30-October 1	September 29-30	September 27-28
Sectionals	October 5-6-7	October 4-5-6	October 2-3-4
State (Week 15)	October 12-13	October 11-12	October 9-10
GIRLS TENNIS			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 6)	August 10	August 9	August 7
Earliest Day for First Meet	August 14	August 13	August 11
Subsectionals	October 5-6	October 4-5	October 2-3
Sectionals	October 7-8	October 6-7	October 4-5
Individual State (Week 15)	October 15-16-17	October 14-15-16	October 12-13-14
Team State (Week 16)	October 23-24	October 22-23	October 20-21
CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS AND GIRLS)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 7)	August 17	August 16	August 14
Earliest Day for First Meet (Week 8)	August 25	August 24	August 22
Sectionals (Week 16)	October 23-24	October 22-23	October 20-21
State (Week 17)	October 31	October 30	October 28

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 7)	August 17	August 16	August 14
Earliest Day for First Match (Week 8)	August 25	August 24	August 22
Regionals (Divisions 2-3-5) (Week 16)	October 20, 22 & 24	October 19, 21 & 23	October 17, 19 & 21
Regionals (Division 1) (Week 16)	October 22 & 24	October 21 & 23	October 19 & 21
Sectionals (Week 17)	October 29 & 31	October 28 & 30	October 26 & 28
State (Week 18)	November 5-6-7	November 4-5-6	November 1-2-3-4
BOYS VOLLEYBALL			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 7)	August 17	August 16	August 14
Earliest Day for First Match (Week 8)	August 25	August 24	August 22
Regionals (if needed)	October 21	October 20	October 18
Regionals (Week 16)	October 23	October 22	October 20
Sectionals (Week 17)	October 27 & 31	October 26 & 30	October 24 & 26
State (Week 18)	November 4-5-6-7	November 3-4-5-6	November 1-2-3-4
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 6)	August 11	August 10	August 8
Earliest Day for First Meet	August 19	August 18	August 16
Sectionals	November 6-7	November 5-6	November 3-4
State (Week 19)	November 13-14	November 12-13	November 10-11
BOYS SOCCER			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 7)	August 17	August 16	August 14
Earliest Day for First Game (Week 8)	August 25	August 24	August 22
Regionals (Divisions 1-2) (Week 16)	October 20 & 24	October 19 & 23	October 17 & 21
Regionals (Divisions 3-4) (Week 16)	October 20, 22 & 24	October 19, 21 & 23	October 17, 19 & 21
Sectionals (Week 17)	October 29 & 31	October 28 & 30	October 26 & 28
State (Week 18)	November 5-6-7	November 4-5-6	November 2-3-4
BASKETBALL (GIRLS)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 19)	November 9	November 8	November 6
Earliest Day for First Game (Week 20)	November 17	November 16	November 14
Regionals (all divisions) (Week 34)	February 23, 26 & 27	February 22, 25 & 26	February 20, 23 & 24
Sectionals (Week 35)	March 4 & 6	March 2 & 4	March 1 & 3
State (Week 36)	March 11-12-13	March 9-10-11	March 8-9-10
BASKETBALL (BOYS)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 20)	November 16	November 15	November 13
Earliest Day for First Game (Week 21)	November 24	November 23	November 21
Regionals (all divisions) (Week 35)	March 2, 5 & 6	February 29, March 3 & 4	February 27, March 2 & 3
Sectionals (Week 36)	March 11 & 13	March 9 & 11	March 8 & 10
State (Week 37)	March 18-19-20	March 16-17-18	March 15-16-17
WRESTLING (BOYS AND GIRLS)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 20)	November 16	November 15	November 13
Earliest Day for First Meet	November 27	November 26	November 24
Regionals (Girls)	February 5	February 4	February 2
Individual Sectionals (Girls)	February 12	February 11	February 9
Individual Sectionals (Boys)	February 13	February 12	February 10
Team Sectionals (Girls)	**February 19**	**February 18**	**February 16**
Team Sectionals **(Boys)**	February 20	February 19	February 17
State Individual (Week 34)	February 25-26-27	February 24-25-26	February 22-23-24
State Team (Week 35)	March 5-6	March 3-4	March 2-3
BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 20)	November 16	November 15	November 13
Earliest Day for First Meet	November 24	November 23	November 21
Sectionals	February 12 & 13	February 11 & 12	February 9 & 10
State (Week 33)	February 19-20	February 18-19	February 16 & 17
GYMNASTICS			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 19)	November 9	November 8	November 6
Earliest Day for First Meet (Week 22)	December 3	December 2	November 30
Sectionals (Week 34)	February 25-26-27	February 24-25-26	February 22-23-24
State (Week 35)	March 5-6	March 3-4	March 2-3

	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
HOCKEY (BOYS AND GIRLS)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 19)	November 9	November 8	November 6
Earliest Day for First Game	November 20	November 19	November 17
Regionals	February 16, 18 & 19	February 15, 17 & 18	February 13, 15 & 16
Sectionals	February 23, 26 & 27	February 22, 25 & 26	February 20, 23 & 24
State Boys (Week 35)	March 4-5-6	March 2-3-4	March 1-2-3
State Girls (Week 35)	March 4 & 6	March 2 & 4	March 1 & 3
TRACK & FIELD (BOYS AND GIRLS)			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 36)	March 8	March 6	March 5
Earliest Day for First Meet (Week 37)	March 16	March 14	March 13
Regionals (Week 47)	May 24 & 25	May 22 & 23	March 21 & 22
Sectionals (Week 47)	May 27 & 28	May 25 & 26	May 24 & 25
State (Week 48)	June 4-5	June 2-3	June 1-2
SOFTBALL			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 37)	March 15	March 13	March 12
Earliest Day for First Game (Week 38)	March 23	March 21	March 20
Regionals (Divisions 2-3-4-5) (Week 46 & 47)	May 20, 25 & 27	May 18, 23 & 25	May 17, 22 & 24
Regionals (Division 1) (Week 47)	May 25 & 27	May 23 & 25	May 22 & 24
Sectionals (Week 48)	June 1 & 3	May 30 & June 1	May 29 & 31
State (Week 49)	June 9-10-11-12	June 7-8-9-10	June 6-7-8-9
LACROSSE			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 37)	March 15	March 13	March 12
Earliest Day of First Game (Week 38)	March 23	March 21	March 20
Regional Quarterfinal (if needed)	May 25	May 23	May 22
Regionals – Girls (Week 47 & 48)	May 27 & June 1	May 25 & 30	May 24 & 29
Regionals – Boys (Week 47 & 48)	May 28 & June 1	May 26 & 30	May 25 & 29
Sectionals (Week 47 & 48)	June 3 & 5	June 1 & 3	May 31 & June 2
State (Week 49)	June 12	June 10	June 9
GIRLS SOCCER			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 38)	March 22	March 20	March 19
Earliest Day for First Game (Week 39)	March 30	March 28	March 27
Regionals (Divisions 1-2) (Week 48)	June 1 & 5	May 30 & June 3	May 29 & June 2
Regionals (Divisions 3-4) (Week 48)	June 1, 3 & 5	May 30, June 1 & 3	May 29, 31 & June 2
Sectionals (Week 49)	June 10 & 12	June 8 & 10	June 7 & 9
State (Week 50)	June 17-18-19	June 15-16-17	June 14-15-16
BASEBALL			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 38)	March 22	March 20	March 19
Earliest Day for First Game	March 30	March 28	March 27
Regionals (Divisions 2-3-4)	May 27, June 1 & 2	May 25, 30 & 31	May 24, 29 & 30
Regionals (Division 1)	June 1 & 3	May 30 & June 1	May 29 & 31
Sectionals (Divisions 1-2-3-4)	June 8	June 6	June 5
State (Week 50)	June 14-15-16-17	June 12-13-14-15	June 11-12-13-14
BOYS TENNIS			
Earliest Day for Practice (Week 39)	March 29	March 27	March 26
Earliest Day for First Meet	April 2	March 31	March 30
Subsectionals	May 24-25	May 22-23	May 21-22
Sectionals	May 26-27	May 24-25	May 23-24
Individual State (Week 48)	June 3-4-5	June 1-2-3	May 31-June 1-2
Team State (Week 49)	June 11-12	June 9-10	June 8-9
BOYS GOLF			
Earliest Day for Practice	March 29	March 27	March 26
Earliest Day for First Meet	April 1	March 30	March 29
Regionals	May 25-26	May 23-24	May 22-23
Sectionals	June 1-2	May 30-31	May 29-30
State	June 7-8	June 5-6	June 4-5

Numbered Weeks

(Dates indicated are Sunday - Saturday)

		2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	
Week	**1**	7/5 – 7/11	7/4 – 7/10	7/2 – 7/8	7/1 – 7/7	7/7 – 7/13	7/6 – 7/12	7/4 – 7/10	7/3 – 7/9	7/2—7/8	**1**
Week	**2**	7/12 – 7/18	7/11 – 7/17	7/9 – 7/15	7/8 – 7/14	7/14 – 7/20	7/13 – 7/19	7/11 – 7/17	7/10 – 7/16	7/9—7/15	**2**
Week	**3**	7/19 – 7/25	7/18 – 7/24	7/16 – 7/22	7/15 – 7/21	7/21 – 7/27	7/20 – 7/26	7/18 – 7/24	7/17 – 7/23	7/16—7/22	**3**
Week	**4**	7/26 – 8/1	7/25 – 7/31	7/23 – 7/29	7/22 – 7/28	7/28 – 8/3	7/27 – 8/2	7/25 – 7/31	7/24 – 7/30	7/23—7/29	**4**
Week	**5**	8/2 – 8/8	8/1 – 8/7	7/30 – 8/5	7/29 – 8/4	8/4 – 8/10	8/3 – 8/9	8/1 – 8/7	7/31 – 8/6	7/30—8/5	**5**
Week	**6**	8/9 – 8/15	8/8 – 8/14	8/6 – 8/12	8/5 – 8/11	8/11 – 8/17	8/10 – 8/16	8/8 – 8/14	8/7 – 8/13	8/6—8/12	**6**
Week	**7**	8/16 – 8/22	8/15 – 8/21	8/13 – 8/19	8/12 – 8/18	8/18 – 8/24	8/17 – 8/23	8/15 – 8/21	8/14 – 8/20	8/13—8/19	**7**
Week	**8**	8/23 – 8/29	8/22 – 8/28	8/20 – 8/26	8/19 – 8/25	8/25 – 8/31	8/24 – 8/30	8/22 – 8/28	8/21 – 8/27	8/20—8/26	**8**
Week	**9**	8/30 – 9/5	8/29 – 9/4	8/27 – 9/2	8/26 – 9/1	9/1 – 9/7	8/31 – 9/6	8/29 – 9/4	8/28 – 9/3	8/27—9/2	**9**
Week	**10**	9/6 – 9/12	9/5 – 9/11	9/3 – 9/9	9/2 – 9/8	9/8 – 9/14	9/7 – 9/13	9/5 – 9/11	9/4 – 9/10	9/3—9/9	**10**
Week	**11**	9/13 – 9/19	9/12 – 9/18	9/10 – 9/16	9/9 – 9/15	9/15 – 9/21	9/14 – 9/20	9/12 – 9/18	9/11 – 9/17	9/10—9/16	**11**
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Week	**24**	12/13 – 12/19	12/12 – 12/18	12/10 – 12/16	12/9 – 12/15	12/15 – 12/21	12/14 – 12/20	12/12 – 12/18	12/11 – 12/17	12/10—12/16	**24**
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Constitution

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Constitution

--The WIAA Constitution applies to high school and junior high/middle level. The Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility are published separately for high school and junior high/middle level.

For the convenience of readers, new rules and rules clarifications in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Eligibility have been highlighted (shaded areas).

Article I – Name

Section 1 – Association

A. The name of this voluntary, unincorporated, and nonprofit organization shall be the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), hereinafter referred to as the Association.

Article II – Purpose

Section 1 – The purpose of this Association is threefold:

A. To organize, develop, direct, and control an interscholastic athletic program which will promote the ideals of its membership and opportunities for member schools' participation.

B. To emphasize interscholastic athletics as a partner with other school activities in the total educational process and formulate and maintain policies which will cultivate high ideals of good citizenship and sportsmanship.

C. To promote uniformity of standards in interscholastic athletic competition and prevent exploitation by special interest groups of the school program and the individual's ability.

Note: The WIAA membership-sponsored tournaments are the collective property of the Association and not of any individual member. The Association reserves the right to promote and advance the membership's interests with 1) publication information; 2) exclusive arrangements to create recognition and exposure for school-sponsored activities; 3) restrictive policies prohibiting exploitation and commercialization of membership-sponsored tournaments; 4) appropriate proprietary interests; and 5) the use of images or transmissions identifying students, administrative personnel, and member school marks.

Article III – Membership

Section 1 – Eligibility

A. Membership in this Association is open to **Wisconsin**:

1) Public high schools on a Grades 9-12 basis, and public middle level schools on a Grades 6-8, or any combination thereof, basis.

2) State supported institutional schools offering instruction in any or all of Grades 6-12.

3) Nonpublic schools enrolling Grades 9-12 that qualify for Section 501(c) (3) status under the declaration of the Internal Revenue Code.

4) Nonpublic schools enrolling Grades 6-8 that qualify for Section 501(c)(3) status under the declaration of the Internal Revenue Code.

5) Charter schools enrolling students in grades 9-12, whose chartering authority has approved membership for at least one other stand-alone member in good standing.

Note: A charter school's status shall be as an Associate member. Associate membership does not include voting or cooperative team privileges.

6) A residential school is defined as a school which provides a residential community setting for students in which a full range of boarding services are provided (dormitory, 3 meals a day, 24 hours a day supervision, etc.) and 25 students or ten percent, whichever is larger, of the full student enrollment live full-time in school-owned housing continuously throughout the academic year. Boarding students must spend an average of five days per week living and boarding on campus while school is in session.

B. Membership is not available to schools belonging to another Wisconsin state-wide interscholastic athletic association.

Note: WIAA assigned conferences are excepted.

C. For continued membership following their probationary period, schools must have administrative oversight of at least one independently sponsored interscholastic athletic program or co-op athletic program that is maintained throughout duration of membership.

Section 2 – Admission

A. Application for membership shall be considered by the Board of Control of this Association upon receipt of the form provided for such purpose, along with the following:

1) Minutes of school's governing board action authorizing application to the WIAA.

2) The school's Board-approved extracurricular code of conduct.

3) Department of Public Instruction school identification number.

4) Indication of at least one independently sponsored, interscholastic athletic program for each gender (unless applying school is a single gender school) in each WIAA sport season (fall, winter, and spring).

5) Completed WIAA membership application form provided as evidence that the school:

a. Is eligible as a public school or institution, substantially supported by taxation, and the application for membership by the public school has been approved by the school board of the school district of which the school is a part.

b. Is eligible as a nonpublic school, qualifying for Section 501(c) (3) status as a tax-exempt organization, and the application for membership by the nonpublic school has been approved by the recognized governing body of the nonpublic school.

c. Will conduct its athletic program under the CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, and RULES OF ELIGIBILITY and all other regulations of this Association.

d. Agrees to abide by decisions and respect interpretations of the Board of Control of this Association.

B. New membership shall be probationary for three years. WIAA Area Meeting and Annual Meeting attendance shall be required throughout the probationary period.

C. A school shall be a member in good standing for three calendar years prior to programs becoming eligible for entry into Association tournaments.

D. A school shall be a member in good standing for three calendar years prior to being eligible for entering into cooperative team programming with

another member school.

Note 1: If a school fails to meet any of the requirements in A, B, C, and/or D during the probationary period, the school will need to initiate the application process again and reapply.

Note 2: When an existing school district expands to create a new high school, all membership rights are afforded to the new school and the requirements in B, C and D will not apply (i.e. a single school splits into two separate schools).

E. Exceptions to items A4 and B of this section will be considered for approved charter schools, upon application from their public school governing bodies.

Note 1: Consideration will be given to residency, enrollment, the chartering authority, and the number of charter schools under the jurisdiction of the chartering authority. It will be required that the chartering authority has also approved membership for at least one stand-alone member in good standing.

Note 2: In multi-high school districts, charter school students are eligible at the school of residence only. WIAA transfer rules apply.

Section 3 – Classification

A. Each senior high school shall be classified for purposes of membership, representation, and competition (including tournaments where necessary) on the basis of previous year's enrollment on the third Friday in September.

1) Schools with only Grades 10-12 students shall add, for purposes of classification and competition:

a. The total enrollment figure of the Grade 9 students if there is only one school with Grades 10-12 students in the district.

b. One-third of the enrollment of Grades 10-12 if there is more than one school with Grades 10-12 students in the district.

2) The Board of Control shall have authority to adjust enrollment figures in unusual situations (such as consolidation, formation of new school, gain or loss of district, etc.), provided such information is made known before September 15 of each year.

3) The enrollment of schools consisting of students of only one gender shall be doubled to determine its classification.

Note 1: When two or more school districts consolidate, the third Friday enrollment count of the previous year will be used for all WIAA tournaments.

Note 2: When transitioning from a single gender school to a co-ed school, the enrollment of the original gender population shall be doubled for classification purposes until such time as the over-all enrollment reaches 60-40 ratio between both genders. Until that time, the under-represented gender shall be classified and assigned at face value.

4) In a multiple high school district, charter school enrollment will be identified by the district according to student residence. The students will be assigned and counted by the school of residence for participation, enrollment and divisional classification.

B. After determining the school enrollment as described above (Art. III Sect. 3-A), a tournament performance factor and procedures outlined in Appendix N will be used to determine divisional tournament placement for all WIAA team sports, with multiple divisions.

Section 4 – Dues and Assessments

A. Member schools shall not be assessed annual dues or fees by the Association in conjunction with filing membership renewal application forms at the beginning of each school year.

1) Disaster Authority: The Board of Control shall retain the right to levy proportionate fees on all member schools in the event of the membership emergency, sufficient to meet the identified emergency and to sustain the operations and services of the Association.

Section 5 – Expulsion

A. A member school may be expelled from this Association by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting provided that:

1) Reasons for expulsion are presented, in writing, by the Board of Control at such Annual Meeting.

2) Charges in connection with expulsion are presented by the Executive Director to the administrator or principal of the school involved at least ten days before the date of such Annual Meeting.

Section 6 – Voluntary Resignation

A. A school that voluntarily terminates membership in the Association shall be denied readmission for a period of four school years.

Article IV – Annual Meetings

Section 1 – Location

A. The Board of Control shall designate a time and place for an Annual Meeting for the purpose of conducting the business of this Association.

Section 2 – Notice

A. Written notice of the Annual Meeting shall be provided appropriate level member schools at least 30 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting.

Section 3 – Vote

A. Each appropriate level member school shall be entitled to one vote at the Annual Meeting, and this vote must be cast by the administrator, principal, or another person designated by the local Board of Education or recognized governing body.

Section 4 – Emergency

A. The Board of Control may call a special meeting of the membership for emergency reasons, but not earlier than 30 days from the first notice of such a meeting.

Article V – Board of Control Organization

Section 1 – Membership

A. Executive and administrative powers of this Association shall be vested in a committee of eleven members, to be known as the Board of Control.

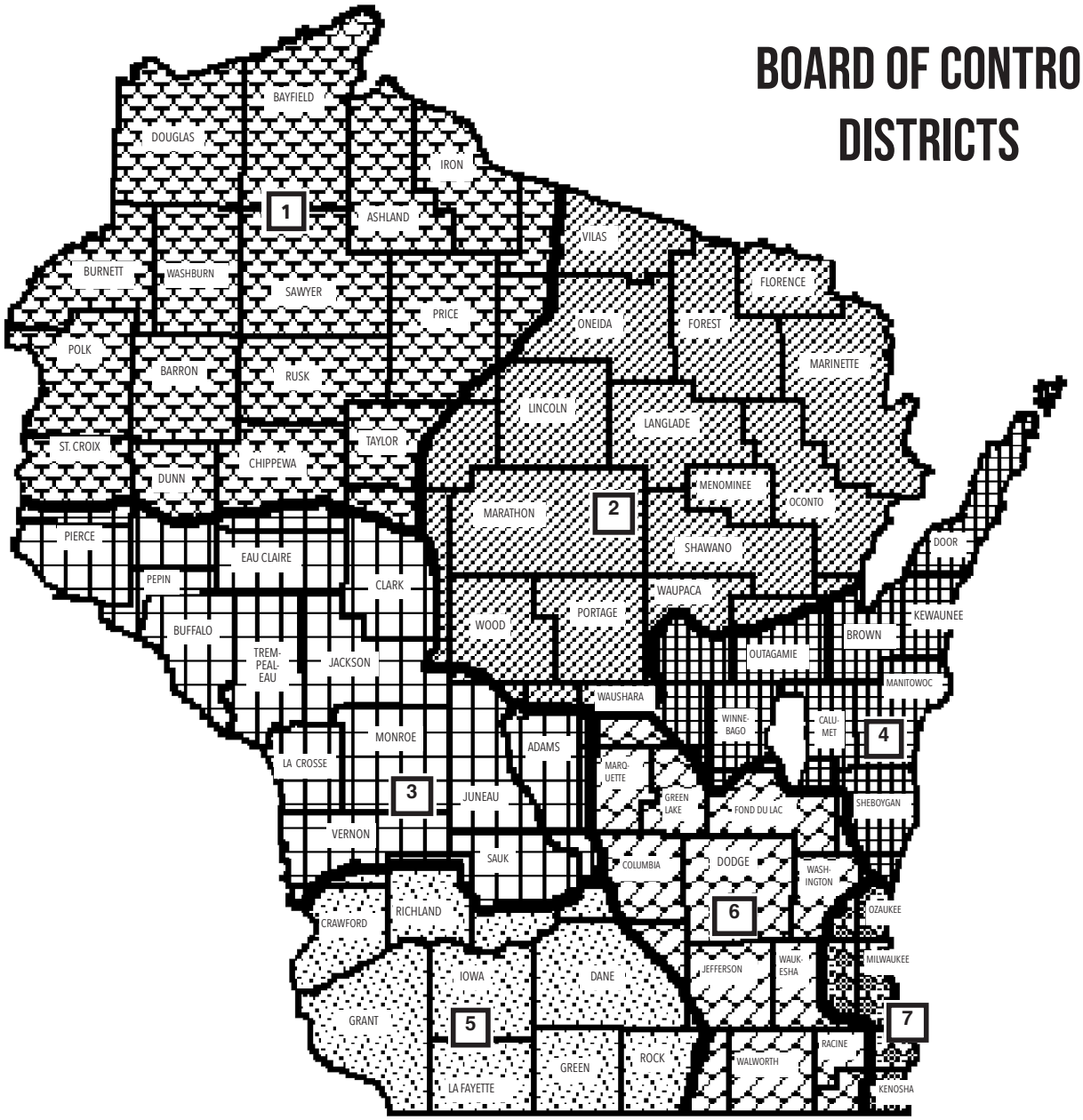
1) Ten of the members shall be administrators, assistant administrators, high school principals, or assistant high school principals. Seven of the ten members shall each represent one of the districts comprised of the high schools listed hereafter. One of the ten members shall be an at-large representative of whichever gender has fewer memberships at the election announcement date for this position. One of the ten members shall be an at-large representative of ethnic minority origin as defined in the following note:

Note: A person having origins in Black racial groups of Africa; Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race; Asian; Pacific Islander; American Indian; or Alaskan Native.

One of ten members shall be an at-large eligible administrator of a member nonpublic school.

Note: Candidates must have 1) Department of Public Instruction licensure allowing placement in the eligible set, 2) must be employed full-time or part-time in a qualifying position and (3) cannot be members of the teachers' bargaining unit.

BOARD OF CONTROL DISTRICTS



2) One member shall represent the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, and that organization shall determine the procedure for selecting its representative.

   a. District 1 – Northwest (64 schools) – Amery, Ashland, Baldwin-Woodville, Barron, Bayfield, Birchwood, Bloomer, Boyceville, Bruce, Butternut, Cadott, Cameron, Chequamegon (Park Falls), Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, Clayton, Clear Lake, Colfax, Cornell, Cumberland, Drummond, Flambeau (Tony), Frederic, Gilman, Glenwood City, Grantsburg, Hayward, Hudson, Hurley, Lac Courte Oreilles (Hayward), Ladysmith, Lake Holcombe, Lakeland Union (Minocqua), **Liberty Christian School (Chippewa Falls)**, Luck, Medford, Mellen, Mercer, New Auburn, New Richmond, Northwestern (Maple), Northwood (Minong), Osceola, Owen-Withee, Phillips, Prairie Farm, Prentice, Rice Lake, Saint Croix Central (Hammond), Saint Croix Falls, Shell Lake, Siren, Solon Springs, Somerset, South Shore (Port Wing), Spooner, Spring Valley, Stanley-Boyd, Superior, Thorp, Turtle Lake, Unity (Balsam Lake), Washburn, Webster, Winter.

   b. District 2 – Northeast (67 schools) – Abbotsford, Almond-Bancroft, Amherst, Antigo, Assumption (Wisconsin Rapids), Athens, Auburndale, Bonduel, Bowler, Colby, Coleman, Columbus Catholic (Marshfield), Crandon, Crivitz, D.C. Everest (Schofield), Edgar, Elcho, Faith Christian Academy (Wausau), Florence, Gillett, Goodman, Granton, Gresham Community, Iola-Scandinavia, Laona, Lena, Manawa, Marathon, Marion, Marshfield, Menominee Nation (Keshena), Merrill, Mosinee, Nekoosa, Newman Catholic (Wausau), Niagara, Northland Lutheran (Mosinee), Northland Pines (Eagle River), Oconto, Oconto Falls, Pacelli (Stevens Point), Pembine, Peshtigo, Phelps, Pittsville, Port Edwards, Rhinelander, Rib Lake, Rosholt, Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy (Marinette), Shiocton, Spencer, Stevens Point Area Senior High, Stratford, Suring, Three Lakes, Tigerton, Tomahawk, Tri-County (Plainfield), Wabeno Area, Wausau East, Wausau West, Wausaukee, White Lake, Wild Rose, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln, Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

   c. District 3 – West Central (66 schools) – Adams-Friendship, Alma, Alma Center Lincoln, Altoona, Aquinas (La Crosse), Arcadia, Augusta, Bangor, Baraboo, Black River Falls, Blair-Taylor, Brookwood (Ontario), Cashton, Chippewa Falls, Cochrane-Fountain City, Coulee Christian (West Salem), De Soto, Durand-Arkansaw, Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran, Eau Claire Memorial, Eau Claire North, Eleva-Strum, Elk Mound, Ellsworth, Elmwood, Fall Creek, Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau (Galesville), Gilmanton, Greenwood, Hillsboro, Holmen, Independence, Kickapoo (Viola), La Crosse Central, La Crosse Logan, La Farge, Loyal, Luther (Onalaska), Mauston, McDonell Central Catholic (Chippewa Falls), Melrose-Mindoro, Menomonie, Mondovi, Necedah, Neillsville, New Lisbon, Onalaska, Osseo-Fairchild, Pepin, Plum City, Prescott, Providence Academy (La Crosse), Reedsburg Area, Regis (Eau Claire), River Falls, Royall (Elroy), Sparta, Tomah, Viroqua, West Salem, Westby, Weston (Cazenovia), Whitehall, Wisconsin Dells, Wonewoc-Center, Youth Initiative (Viroqua).

d. District 4 – East Central (84 schools) – Algoma, Appleton East, Appleton North, Appleton West, Ashwaubenon (Green Bay), Bay Port (Green Bay), Berlin, Brillion, Cedar Grove-Belgium, Chesterton Academy of St. John Paul II Classical School (Green Bay), Chilton, Clintonville, De Pere, Denmark, Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah, Fond du Lac, Fox Valley Lutheran (Appleton), Freedom, Gibraltar (Fish Creek), Green Bay East, Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran, Green Bay Preble, Green Bay Southwest, Green Bay West, Hilbert, Hortonville, Howards Grove, Kaukauna, Kewaunee, Kiel, Kimberly, Kohler, Little Chute, Lourdes Academy (Oshkosh), Luxemburg-Casco, Manitowoc Lincoln, Manitowoc Lutheran, Marinette, Menasha, Mishicot, Neenah, New Holstein, New London, Notre Dame de la Baie Academy (Green Bay), Omro, Oneida Nation, Oostburg, Oshkosh North, Oshkosh West, Ozaukee (Fredonia), Plymouth, Providence Academy (Green Bay), Pulaski, Random Lake, Reedsville, Ripon, Roncalli (Manitowoc), Saint Lawrence Seminary (Mount Calvary), Saint Mary Catholic (Neenah), Saint Mary's Springs Academy (Fond du Lac), Sevastopol (Sturgeon Bay), Seymour, Shawano Community, Sheboygan Area Lutheran, Sheboygan Christian, Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan North, Sheboygan South, Southern Door (Brussels), St. Ignatius Chesterton Academy (Kaukauna), Stockbridge, Sturgeon Bay, Two Rivers, Valders, Valley Christian School (Oshkosh), Washington Island, Waupaca, Wautoma, West De Pere, Weyauwega-Fremont, Winneconne, Wolf River Lutheran (Shawano), Wrightstown, Xavier (Appleton).

e. District 5 – Southwest (69 schools) – Abundant Life Christian (Madison), Albany, Argyle, Barneveld, Belleville, Belmont, Beloit Memorial, Benton, Black Hawk (South Wayne), Boscobel, Brodhead, Cassville, **Charis Classical Academy (Madison)**, Cuba City, Darlington, DeForest, Dodgeville, Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart (Madison), Evansville, Fennimore, Highland, Impact Christian Academy (Verona), Iowa-Grant (Livingston), Ithaca (Richland Center), Janesville Craig, Janesville Parker, Juda, Lancaster, Lodi, Madison Country Day (Waunakee), Madison East, Madison La Follette, Madison Memorial, Madison West, McFarland, Middleton, Mineral Point, Monona Grove, Monroe, Monticello, Mount Horeb, New Glarus, North Crawford (Soldiers Grove), Oregon, Parkview (Orfordville), Pecatonica (Blanchardville), Platteville, Portage, Potosi, Prairie du Chien, Richland Center, River Ridge (Patch Grove), River Valley (Spring Green), Riverdale (Muscoda), Saint Ambrose Academy (Madison), Sauk Prairie (Prairie du Sac), Seneca, Shullsburg, Southwestern (Hazel Green), Stoughton, Sun Prairie East, Sun Prairie West, The Lincoln Academy (Beloit), Turner (Beloit), Verona Area, Waunakee, Wauzeka-Steuben, Wisconsin Heights (Mazomanie), Wisconsin School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (Janesville).

f. District 6 – South Central (70 schools) – Arrowhead (Hartland), Badger (Lake Geneva), Beaver Dam, Big Foot (Walworth), Burlington, Cambria-Friesland, Cambridge, Campbellsport, Catholic Central (Burlington), Central Wisconsin Christian (Waupun), Clinton, Columbus, Deerfield, Delavan-Darien, Dodgeland (Juneau), East Troy, Edgerton, Elkhorn Area, Faith Christian (Williams Bay), Fall River, Fort Atkinson, Green Lake, Hartford Union, Horicon, Hustisford, Jefferson, Johnson Creek, Kettle Moraine (Wales), Kettle Moraine Lutheran (Jackson), Kewaskum, Laconia (Rosendale), Lake Country Classical Academy (Oconomowoc), Lake Country Lutheran (Hartland), Lake Mills, Lakeside Lutheran (Lake Mills), Living Word Lutheran (Jackson), Lomira, Markesan, Marshall, Mayville, Milton, Montello, Mukwonago, North Fond du Lac, Oakfield, Oconomowoc, Palmyra-Eagle, Pardeeville, Poynette, Princeton, Randolph, Rio, Slinger, St. John's Northwestern Academies (Delafield), Union Grove, University Lake School (Hartland), Waterford, Waterloo, Watertown, Watertown Luther Prep, Waupun, Wayland Academy (Beaver Dam), West Bend East, West Bend West, Westfield Area (Westfield), Westosha Central (Salem), Whitewater, Williams Bay, Wilmot Union, Winnebago Lutheran Academy (Fond du Lac).

g. District 7 – Southeast (96 schools) – Audubon Technology and Communications (Milwaukee), Augustine Prep South (Milwaukee), Augustine Prep North (Milwaukee), Brookfield Academy, Brookfield Central, Brookfield East, Brown Deer, Carmen Northwest (Milwaukee), Carmen Southgate (Milwaukee), Catholic Memorial (Waukesha), Cedarburg, Chesterton Academy of Milwaukee (Milwaukee), Cristo Rey Jesuit (Milwaukee), Cudahy, Destiny (Milwaukee), Divine Savior Holy Angels (Milwaukee), Dominican (Whitefish Bay), Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy (Milwaukee), Eastbrook Academy (Milwaukee), Franklin, Germantown, Golda Meir (Milwaukee), Grafton, Greendale, Greenfield, Hamilton (Sussex), Heritage Christian (New Berlin), Hmong American Peace Academy (Milwaukee), Holy Redeemer Academy (Milwaukee), Homestead (Mequon), Kenosha Bradford, Kenosha Christian Life, **Indian Trail High School and Academy** and Academy, Kenosha St. Joseph Catholic Academy, Kenosha Tremper, Kingdom Prep Lutheran (Wauwatosa), Marquette University (Milwaukee), Martin Luther (Greendale), Menomonee Falls, Messmer (Milwaukee), Milwaukee Academy of Science, Milwaukee Arts, Milwaukee Bay View, Milwaukee Bradley Technical, Milwaukee Hamilton, Milwaukee Juneau, Milwaukee King, Milwaukee Lutheran, Milwaukee Madison Academic Campus, Milwaukee Marshall, Milwaukee North, Milwaukee Pulaski, Milwaukee Riverside University, Milwaukee Ronald W Reagan College Prep, Milwaukee School of Languages, Milwaukee South, Milwaukee Vincent, Milwaukee Washington, Milwaukee Wis. Conservatory of Lifelong Learning, Muskego, New Berlin Eisenhower, New Berlin West, Nicolet (Glendale), Oak Creek, Obama SCTE (Milwaukee), Pewaukee, Pius XI Catholic (Milwaukee), Port Washington, Racine Case, Racine Horlick, Racine Lutheran, Racine Park, Racine Saint Catherine's, Saint Anthony (Milwaukee), Saint Francis, Saint Joan Antida (Milwaukee), Saint Thomas More (Milwaukee), Salam (Milwaukee), Shoreland Lutheran (Somers), Shorewood, South Milwaukee, Tenor (Milwaukee), The Prairie School (Racine), Trinity Academy (Pewaukee), University School of Milwaukee, Veritas (Milwaukee), Waukesha North, Waukesha South, Waukesha West, Wauwatosa East, Wauwatosa West, West Allis Central, West Allis Nathan Hale, Whitefish Bay, Whitnall (Greenfield), Wisconsin Lutheran (Milwaukee).

Section 2 – Term

A. The term of office for members of the Board of Control will be three years, effective with the August meeting of the Board. A member's consecutive tenure on the Board may not encompass more than two full three-year terms.

Section 3 – Compensation

A. Members of the Board of Control will serve without compensation, except for reimbursement of expenses incurred while performing necessary duties of a Board member.

Section 4 – Elections

A. Representatives of Seven Districts and At-Large Gender, Ethnic Minority, and Nonpublic School Representatives

1) Each member senior high school of this Association is entitled, when appropriate, to one vote for Board of Control member in its geographical district, one vote for an at-large gender member, one vote for an at-large ethnic minority member, and one vote for an at-large nonpublic school member. The vote must be cast by the administrator, high school principal, or a person designated by either of these persons.

2) No later than the third Monday in February, the WIAA office will announce that declarations of candidacy will be accepted from eligible administrators (Article V, Section 1-A-1) if there is a Board of Control vacancy in their elector district or for the at-large gender, ethnic minority or nonpublic school representative.

3) No later than 5 p.m. on the first Monday in March, any eligible school administrator may file a declaration of candidacy with the WIAA office.

4) No later than the first Tuesday in March, the Executive Director shall verify the declarations of candidacy and certify the names of the candidates

who have filed valid nominations.

5) The Board of Control shall require a primary election, if there are more than two candidates for any seat. If a primary is necessary, a ballot will be prepared and distributed to the appropriate schools on the third Monday in March. The return ballot must be electronically submitted to the WIAA office, no later than the fourth Tuesday in March. If any eligible candidate receives 75% or more of the total votes that can be cast, that person shall be declared elected. Primary election ballots will provide a write-in option.

6) Before the second Tuesday in April (unless the primary has determined an elected candidate) or immediately following the primary (if necessary), the WIAA office will issue ballots to the voting schools for purposes of the election. These ballots will contain the names of the top vote-getters in the primary, double the number to be elected, as well as a write-in option or, if there has not been a primary, the ballots will contain the names of all candidates, as well as a write-in option. The ballots must be electronically submitted to the WIAA office, no later than the third Tuesday in April.

7) In both a primary and/or general election, at least 25% of the schools in the election set must have voted in order for a write-in candidate to be advanced or elected.

8) A special Elections Committee appointed by the Board of Control shall open and canvass the ballots. The results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting. In the event of a tie, a runoff election shall be conducted by mail-in ballot within two weeks following the Annual Meeting.

Section 5 – Vacancies

A. A vacancy exists on the Board of Control when a member 1) moves from one electoral district to another, 2) leaves the profession, 3) resigns from the Board, or 4) is unable to serve for any reason.

B. Representatives of Seven Districts and At-Large Gender, Ethnic Minority, and Nonpublic School Representatives

1) A vacancy occurring after August 1, but before the election procedure begins (fourth Tuesday in January), will be filled by the Board of Control appointing a replacement.

a. An appointed replacement for a vacancy will serve only until the day before the next following August meeting of the Board of Control.

b. There will be a special election, at the time of the regular election, to complete an unexpired term, if one or two years remain on a term temporarily filled by an appointed replacement.

2) A vacancy occurring after the election procedure begins (fourth Tuesday in January), but before August 1, will be filled by a Board of Control authorized special election using procedures similar to the regular election procedure.

C. Wisconsin Association of School Boards Representative

1) A vacancy will be filled by the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards appointing a replacement.

Section 6 – Officers and Meetings

A. The Board of Control shall organize each year, following the Annual Meeting, for the purpose of electing a president, president-elect, and treasurer. (The Executive Director shall act as secretary of the Board.)

B. There shall be a minimum of six regular meetings of the Board of Control each school year, and a majority of members shall constitute a quorum for each meeting.

C. The duties of the president:

1) Call and preside over all regular meetings of the Board of Control.

2) Preside over the Annual Meeting.

3) Approve by signature all disbursements of the Association.

4) Represent the Board whenever such representation is in the best interests of the Association.

D. The duties of the president-elect shall be the same as those of the president, in the event that the president is absent or unable to perform such duties.

E. The duties of the treasurer:

1) Maintain a complete record of Association finances, including investments.

2) Approve by signature all disbursements of the Association.

3) Authorize investments of Association funds, only in such properties and securities approved by the statutes of the state of Wisconsin, for investments by domestic life insurance companies.

Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Board of Control

Section 1 – Executive Director

A. The Board of Control shall employ an Executive Director (not a member of the Board) and may authorize that person to make decisions as necessary for the proper operation of Association business. The Board may provide office facilities for conducting Association business and approve assistants to the director and other employees necessary for the administrative work of the Association.

Section 2 – Authority

A. The Board of Control shall have general control over all activity and persons involved with the official school teams in any sport sponsored by this Association.

1) The Board shall have sole authority to interpret the provisions of the CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, and RULES OF ELIGIBILITY, and any other regulations which are adopted.

2) The Board shall have the authority to make changes, whenever necessary, to rules and regulations of this Association, except the CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, and RULES OF ELIGIBILITY.

a. Any change approved by the Board of Control in maximum game/meet limits, or in WIAA adaptations to NFHS rules of sport, which by their enactment would result in additional cost to be incurred by schools, must be advanced to the Annual Meeting for a vote before taking effect.

3) The Board shall hear all appeals of decisions by the Executive Director, within provisions of the WIAA appeal process, and have authority to grant relief in case of emergency or if extenuating circumstances are involved. Reference Appendix A.

Section 3 – Penalties

A. Any of the following penalties may be imposed upon member schools, who violate Association rules and regulations, if such action is regarded as necessary for maintenance of discipline:

1) Suspension of membership for not more than one year.
2) Probation for not more than one year.
3) Denial of participation in Association tournament program.
4) Denial of any area of Association services and benefits.
5) Monetary fine equal to Association expense incurred in any investigation and actual reimbursement of costs resulting from the violation.
6) Forfeiture (team sports) of contests won by school or (individual sports) of points/places won by individuals.
7) Loss of opportunity to host Association tournament events for not more than one year.
8) Loss of conference affiliation.

Note: All parties concerned may be convened after 48 hours of notice to consider charges filed against a member school.

Section 4 – Benefit Plan

A. The Board of Control may operate a Benefit Plan for the purpose of assisting in the payment of costs incurred for treatment of injuries sustained in interscholastic athletics, normal school attendance, and other school-sponsored activities.

Section 5 – Middle Level

A. The Board of Control shall establish modified rules and regulations, where necessary, for the middle level school interscholastic athletic program with the assistance of a Middle Level Council.

Section 6 – Co-ed Competition

A. The Board of Control shall prohibit all types of interscholastic activity involving boys and girls competing with or against each other, except 1) as prescribed by state and federal law and 2) as determined by Board of Control interpretations of such law.

Section 7 – Incorporation

A. The Board of Control may take steps, if it deems it necessary, to incorporate this Association.

Section 8 – Pension Fund

A. The Board of Control shall maintain a pension fund for its employees.

Section 9 – Game Officials

A. The Board of Control shall license game officials for interscholastic competition, and have the authority to determine qualification for licensing, procedure for advancement, and conditions for revocation, suspension, or probation of license.

Section 10 – Conference Alignment

A. The Board of Control has the authority to take action to bring about a reasonable conference affiliation and relationship for member high schools. Reasonable conference affiliation and relationship with member high schools may include total movement of member schools, sport specific relief, and/or scheduling assistance.

Note: While it is not generally the intent to make wholesale changes in existing conference lines, it should be understood that there could be adjustments in areas where conference affiliation problems are particularly acute. It should be understood that it may not be realistic to find a solution for every member school.

B. For inclusion in a conference, any member high school, either through co-op application or by singular sponsorship, must offer one sport for boys and one sport for girls in each of the school year seasons: fall, winter, and spring. Schools that are not coeducational must adhere to a similar single-gender requirement.

C. Member schools that voluntarily withdraw from their WIAA assigned conference in a sport without conference approval shall be removed from the conference schedules in that sport for two years following the withdrawal.

D. Member schools that voluntarily withdraw from their WIAA assigned conference in any sport with or without conference approval shall be removed from the WIAA tournament in the same sport for two years.

Section 11 – Cooperative Teams

A. The Board of Control has authority to approve cooperative team sponsorship (one team in a given sport involving two or more member schools) under the following conditions:

1) The schools involved must be in the same geographical area.
2) The agreement for a cooperative team must specify two school years, but that agreement may be terminated by the Board of Control for documented extenuating circumstances.
3) Applications for initial approval, or renewal of approval of a cooperative team, must include a completed and signed Cooperative Team Request Form, reflecting:
   a. Approval of involved schools.
   b. Approval of involved Board(s) of Education or Governing Bodies.
   c. Approval of conference in which the cooperative team will participate.
   d. The program will adhere to a 'no-cut' policy.

Note: Board of Control and conference approval is not required for nonvarsity cooperative teams.

4) Total enrollment of schools involved in cooperative team will determine classification of competition in WIAA tournament series.

5) Requests for approval and to add a cooperative team into WIAA tournament competition must be received in the WIAA office by the following deadline dates to be included in the subsequent year's tournament program:

Fall Sports – October 1 Winter Sports – February 1 Spring Sports – May 1

Note: Football Co-op deadline is October 1 (even years only)

6) If a cooperative team is discontinued, each school must reapply for tournament entry as a stand-alone program by the deadline dates. (See Bylaws, I-5-B)

Section 12 – Dissolution

A. Upon dissolution or final liquidation of the Association, the assets of the Association remaining after payment of its obligations shall have been made or provided for shall be transferred exclusively for the purposes of the Association in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any later or future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Control shall determine.

Article VII – Advisory Council Organization

Section 1 – Membership

A. A committee of 18 members to be known as the Advisory Council shall be established to represent member schools as follows:

1) Five members to represent the large size schools.

2) Five members to represent the middle size schools.

3) Five members to represent the small size schools.

4) ~~One member shall be an at-large representative of whichever gender has fewer memberships at the election announcement date for this~~ position.

5) One member shall be an at-large representative of an ethnic minority as defined in the following note:

Note: A person having origins in Black racial groups of Africa; Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race; Asian; Pacific Islander; American Indian; or Alaskan Native.

6) One member shall be an eligible administrator of a member nonpublic school.

Note: Candidates must have 1) Department of Public Instruction licensure allowing placement in the eligible set, 2) must be employed full-time or part-time in a qualifying position and 3) cannot be members of the teachers' bargaining unit.

B. Membership on the Advisory Council is open to administrators, assistant administrators, high school principals, or assistant high school principals of member senior high schools of this Association.

Section 2 – Term

A. The term of office for members of the Advisory Council will be three years, beginning with the start of the school year following election. A member's consecutive tenure on the Council may not encompass more than two full three-year terms.

B. A member may continue serving an elected term, if the member's school moves from one classification to another, provided the member remains in a qualifying position in that school.

Section 3 – Compensation

A. Members shall serve without compensation, except for reimbursement of expenses incurred while performing necessary duties of a Council member.

Section 4 – Elections

A. Each member senior high school of this Association is entitled, when appropriate, to one vote for Advisory Council member in the enrollment classification of the school, one vote for an at-large gender member, one vote for an at-large ethnic minority member, and one vote for an at-large nonpublic school member. The vote must be cast by the administrator, high school principal, or a person designated by either of these persons.

B. No later than the third Monday in February, the WIAA office will announce that declarations of candidacy will be accepted from eligible administrators (Article VII, Section 1-B) if there are Advisory Council vacancies in their enrollment classification or for the at-large gender, ethnic minority or nonpublic school representatives.

C. No later than 5 p.m. on the first Monday in March, any eligible school administrator may file a declaration of candidacy with the WIAA office.

D. No later than the first Tuesday in March, the Executive Director shall verify the declarations of candidacy and certify the names of the candidates who have filed valid nominations.

E. The Board of Control shall require a primary election, if there are more than twice as many candidates as there are available positions to be filled. If a primary is necessary, a ballot will be prepared and distributed to the appropriate schools on the third Monday in March. The return ballot must be electronically submitted to the WIAA office, postmarked no later than the fourth Tuesday in March. If any eligible candidate receives 75% or more of the total votes that can be cast, that person shall be declared elected. Primary election ballots will provide a write-in option.

F. Before the second Tuesday in April (unless the primary has determined an elected candidate) or immediately following the primary (if necessary), the WIAA office will issue ballots to the voting schools for purposes of the election. These ballots will contain the names of the top vote-getters in the primary, double the number to be elected, as well as a write-in option or, if there has not been a primary, the ballots will contain the names of all candidates, as well as a write-in option. The ballots must be electronically submitted to the WIAA office, postmarked no later than the third Tuesday in April.

G. In both a primary and/or general election, at least 25% of the schools in the election set must have voted in order for a write-in candidate to be advanced

or elected.

H. A special Elections Committee appointed by the Board of Control shall open and canvass the ballots. The results shall be announced at the Annual Meeting. In case of ties, a runoff election shall be conducted by mail-in ballot within two weeks following the Annual Meeting.

Section 5 – Vacancies

A. A vacancy exists on the Advisory Council when a member 1) moves to a school in another enrollment classification, 2) leaves the profession, 3) resigns from the Council, 4) is elected or appointed to the Board of Control, or 5) is unable to serve for any reason.

B. A vacancy occurring after the start of the school year, but before the election procedure begins (fourth Tuesday in January), will be filled by the Board of Control appointing a replacement.

1) An appointed replacement for a vacancy will serve only until the day before the start of the next following school year.

2) There will be a special election, at the time of the regular election, to complete an unexpired term, if one or two years remain on a term temporarily filled by an appointed replacement.

C. A vacancy occurring after the election procedure begins (fourth Tuesday in January), but before the start of the following school year, will be filled by a Board of Control authorized special election using procedures similar to the regular election procedure.

Section 6 – Officers and Meetings

A. The Advisory Council shall organize each year at its first meeting following the Annual Meeting for the purpose of electing a chairperson and vice chairperson. (The Executive Director of the Association shall act as secretary to the Council.)

B. There shall be a minimum of two meetings of the Advisory Council each school year, and a majority of members shall constitute a quorum for each meeting.

Article VIII – Powers and Duties of the Advisory Council

Section 1 – Authority

A. The Advisory Council shall have the power to initiate amendments for presentation to the membership of the Association.

Section 2 – Duties

A. The Advisory Council shall advise the Board of Control in formulating the aims and policies of this Association.

Article IX – Amendments

Section 1 – Origin

A. A proposed amendment to the CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, or RULES OF ELIGIBILITY of this Association may originate:

1) At the Annual Meeting of this Association by a majority vote of represented member senior high schools.

2) In the Board of Control.

3) In the Advisory Council.

4) By petition, in writing, by the administrator or high school principal of at least 10% of the member senior high schools. The petition must be submitted by the first Friday in January prior to the next Annual Meeting.

Section 2 – Procedure

A. Within 30 days of the origination or filing of a proposed amendment, the Executive Director shall distribute to member senior high schools of this Association an informational bulletin detailing the wording of the proposal and a brief description of its meaning, intent, and the effect of passage.

B. The member school representatives at the ensuing Annual Meeting (or at a special emergency meeting) of this Association shall vote on the proposed amendment. If the majority of school representatives present vote in favor of the proposed amendment it shall become effective no later than the next following issue of the BULLETIN, the official publication of this Association.

Section 3 – Incorporating Changes

A. The Board of Control shall have authority following each Annual Meeting of this Association to incorporate related changes in the CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, or RULES OF ELIGIBILITY with the action taken by the membership at the Annual Meeting, but such changes shall not alter the meaning or intent of any provision.

Article X – Middle Level Council

Section 1 – Membership

A. There shall be established a Middle Level Council of ten members, including seven administrators, or building administrators, and/or athletic directors of member middle level schools containing Grades 6-8 students (or any combination thereof) with one member representing each of the seven Board of Control Districts. Note: If vacant positions cannot be filled by a district representative, the position will become available to any qualified individual from a member middle school. One of the ten members shall be an at-large representative of which over-ended has fewer members since the declaration date for [illegible] One of the ten members shall be an at-large representative of ethnic minority origin as defined in the following note:

Note: A person having origins in Black racial groups of Africa; Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race; Asian; Pacific Islander; American Indian; or Alaskan Native.

In addition, liaison representation will be made available to the Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Association of Middle Level Educators,

Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association and Wisconsin Athletic Trainers Association.

Note: Candidates must have 1) Department of Public Instruction licensure allowing placement in the eligible set and 2) must be employed in a qualifying position.

Section 2 – Term

A. Matters relating to appointment, term of office, and vacancies shall be determined by the Board of Control.

Section 3 – Compensation

A. Members shall serve without compensation, except for reimbursement of expenses incurred while performing necessary duties of a committee member.

Section 4 – Meetings

A. The Middle Level Council shall meet once each school year or more often as directed by the Board of Control.

Article XI – Powers and Duties of the Middle Level Council

Section 1 – Authority

A. The Middle Level Council, with Board of Control approval, shall have authority to initiate amendments to the CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, and RULES OF ELIGIBILITY of this Association as they pertain to proposals to change rules and regulations affecting Grades 6, 7, and/or 8 students at schools affiliated for middle level membership. Only administrators or building administrators of schools containing Grades 6, 7, and/or 8 students and affiliated for middle level membership shall be eligible to vote on such proposed amendments.

Section 2 – Duties

A. The Middle Level Council shall advise the Board of Control of this Association in the area of aims and policies of interscholastic athletics for Grades 6-8.

B. The Middle Level Council will review amendments approved at the WIAA Senior High Annual Meeting relative to the WIAA Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility. Any changes will be reviewed by the Council and at the Council's direction, may be recommended to the Board of Control for placement in the WIAA Middle Level Handbook.

Bylaws

The Bylaws, in general, contain information relating to the high school's responsibility insofar as WIAA rules and regulations are concerned.

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Bylaws

For the convenience of readers, new rules and rules clarifications in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Eligibility have been highlighted (shaded areas).

Article I – Sports Program

Section 1 – The Recognized Sports of this Association shall be:

A. Baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and wrestling for boys, and basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and wrestling for girls.

Section 2 – Requirements

A. All requirements for WIAA recognized sports as contained in Association Bylaws, Rules of Eligibility and Season Regulations shall be adopted for member school-sponsored programs.

Section 3 – Adding or Eliminating

A. The Board of Control shall have authority to add or eliminate a sport.

Section 4 – Exceptions

A. Until a sport has reasonable participation on the part of member schools, the Board of Control shall have authority to make exceptions to rules as necessary for the satisfactory sponsorship of such a sport.

Section 5 – WIAA Tournament Entry

A. A member school must have an officially-adopted program in a sport in order to enter a team and/or individuals in the WIAA tournament series of that sport. WIAA Tournament participation is only available to WIAA member schools who only belong to the WIAA.

B. Requests to add a team into WIAA tournament competition must be received in the WIAA office by the following deadline dates to be included in the subsequent year's tournament program:

Fall Sports – October 1 Winter Sports – February 1 Spring Sports – May 1

Note: Football (both 11 and 8-player) deadline is October 1 (even years only)

Note: The WIAA membership-sponsored tournaments are the collective property of the Association and not of any individual member. The Association reserves the right to promote and advance the membership's interests with publication information; exclusive arrangements to create recognition and exposure for school-sponsored activities; restrictive policies prohibiting exploitation and commercialization of membership-sponsored tournaments; appropriate proprietary interests; and the use of images or transmissions identifying students, administrative personnel and member school marks.

C. When a member school withdraws from a team tournament for any reason the most recently defeated opponent may replace that team.

Section 6 – Non-WIAA Sports

A. Schools may conduct interscholastic competition in sports other than those herein listed (except boxing which is prohibited), but rules and regulations of the Association do not apply to competition in such other sports.

Policy on Sport Recognition and WIAA Tournament Sponsorship

1. The Board of Control may consider adding a new sport to the list of recognized and regulated activities at such a time as five percent of the membership are participating in that sport at the same time of the year and indicate an interest in WIAA involvement.
2. A WIAA-sponsored tournament series leading to state team and, where applicable, individual champions will be provided at such a time as at least 10 percent of the total membership are participating in that sport at the same time of the year and indicate an interest in such a tournament series.
3. Sports which at any time do not qualify under the 10% and 5% standards are reviewed annually by the Board of Control for purposes of determining future tournament and, where applicable, recognition status.
4. If two or more schools have the same enrollment and that enrollment is the dividing point of a division, enrollment of the previous year(s) will be used. In football, enrollment as of the third week in September of the current year will be used to break the tie.
5. Except in the sport of football, a school has the prerogative of competing in a higher classification than its enrollment. Such intentions must be provided to the WIAA in writing by school administration in advance of seasonal tournament deadline.

Article II – School Competition and Practice Requirements

Section 1 – Sport Season Requirements

A. A school is required to follow season regulations, playing rules, and tournament procedures as annually revised and published by the Board of Control. These regulations, rules, and procedures are found in the publications entitled SEASON REGULATIONS.

B. It is the responsibility of the administration of each school to follow the rules contained in the SEASON REGULATIONS in competition with both member and nonmember schools. Failure to do so subjects a school to the penalties outlined in Constitution Article VI, Section 3-A and/or Rules of Eligibility Article I, Section 5.

SEASON REGULATIONS are published in three separate editions. 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, and track & field).

Section 2 – Competition and Practice Restrictions

A. A school may not hold practice, or compete in a recognized sport, other than as specified in SEASON REGULATIONS or as noted in B. Exceptions.

1) A school may not assemble athletes or prospective athletes in physical education classes, or some other manner, for purposes of teaching fundamentals, techniques, plays, etc., except during the designated school season of a sport, and during the approved summertime contact period noted below in B – Exceptions.
2) A school may not organize conditioning programs limited to students with athletic team status, or to prospective athletes, except during the designated school season of a sport and during the approved summertime contact period noted below in B – Exceptions.
3) A school may not conduct intramural programs, which involve athletes with past status on a school team, varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshmen, etc., except during the established school season of a sport and during the approved summertime contact period noted below in B – Exceptions.

B. Exceptions:

So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students:

1) There shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, from June 1 through June 30 and July 1 through July 31 (all WIAA sports sponsored by the school). Sanctioned school contact days must conclude no later than July 31 (except football which must comply with the dead week).
2) During the school year, schools may conduct youth programming for students in grade 8 and below outside the season for providing camps or clinics.
3) During the **school sanctioned** summer **contact**, schools may conduct youth programming for students in grades 8 and below, where high school coaches may use some or all of their athletes as clinicians.

Section 3 – Nonschool Participation

A. A school may not become involved financially, through transportation or in any other way, in a student's nonschool participation.

Section 4 – School Facilities

A. These rules do not prevent a school's facilities from being made available for nonschool programs, provided such programs are not limited to students on the basis of school affiliation, athletic experience, team status, etc. There are limitations, however, on coaches as described in Rules of Eligibility, Article VI, Section 2.

Section 5 – A School shall not Participate in:

A. Post-season contests (other than Association tournament games).

B. Contests on Sunday unless such participation is approved by the Board of Education or the governing body of all participating institutions.

Note: With respect to Sunday competition in WIAA Tournament play, the WIAA Board of Control shall have sole authority for its approval.

C. Contests with nonmember schools. No contest shall be held or scheduled with a school that is eligible for membership in this association but is not a WIAA member in good standing.

D. Contests held in conjunction with professional, semiprofessional, and other games, meets, or programs sponsored by noneducational agencies, unless such participation is approved by the Board of Education or the governing body of all participating institutions.

Note: A school may participate in a high school game or meet sponsored in part or entirely by other than a high school, provided 1) the meet director is a high school district administrator, principal, or athletic director, 2) invitations have been issued and contracts have been signed by a district administrator, principal, or athletic director and 3) profits derived from such competition are earmarked in their entirety for the participating schools or some other nonprofit purpose. Involvement of business, commerce, industry, etc., in sponsorship of school events is not prohibited, except to those concerns related to alcohol and tobacco products.

E. Contests conducted by a nonschool person, group or organization, including school club teams, YMCA, American Legion, etc., unless such participation is approved by the Board of Education or the governing body of all participating institutions.

Note 1: Such contests as identified in D and E above may be scheduled only if an administrator or designee of the school with the WIAA sanctioned team is present and has determined all WIAA regulations are being followed.

Note 2: Involvement of business, commerce, industry, etc., in sponsorship of school events is not prohibited, except to those concerns related to alcohol, tobacco products, lottery, gambling, mood altering substances, and lewd subject matter.

F. Contests involving professional, semiprofessional, or similar post-high school age teams (except alumni teams), and teams representing institutions of higher education (universities, colleges, technical schools, etc.). Teams may practice/scrimmage with or against nonschool groups (alumni, city team, etc.) at their discretion.

Note: An alumni contest counts toward season maximums.

G. Contests, competition and/or scrimmages versus an out-of-state school team not a member in good standing with its State High School Association.

H. Interstate competition, except as provided hereafter:

1) National Federation sanction is required for:
   a. Any interstate event involving two or more schools which is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the high school community (e.g., university, theme park, athletic shoe/apparel company).
   b. Non-bordering events if five or more states are involved.
   c. Non-bordering events if more than eight schools are involved.
   d. Any event involving two or more schools that involves a team from a foreign country. The host school should complete the international sanction application which can be found on the NFHS website. (The exceptions to this rule are Canada and Mexico which are considered "bordering states.")
2) When National Federation sanction is required:
   a. Individuals who want to host an event will go online at the NFHS website, register as an event manager, create an event and fill out the online application then an email is sent to the host school's principal and host state association. The state association reviews the application online and determines if they will approve or deny the application. Once approved, the host state association notifies the event sponsor that payment is required. Credit card payment and electronic check are the only forms of payment accepted. Once the payment is received by the NFHS, the invited states/schools are notified that they have been invited and it is listed on the NFHS website. As the invited states respond to the sanction it is automatically updated on the NFHS website. Once every invited state has responded, the application is approved for sanctioning.

b. There will be a processing fee for interstate and international sanctioning applications. The price per sanction application is $150 per application; the penalty fee for not forwarding the final list of actual entries 20 calendar days prior to the event will be $150. If an outside sponsor, not the member school, is running the event the sanctioning fee will be $300 per application.

c. The timeline/fee structure is as follows: The sanction application must be submitted online to the NFHS office 60 calendar days or more prior to the event. The late fee for any application that arrives 15-59 calendar days prior the event will be an additional $150 for a total of $300. If the application is submitted less than 15 calendar days prior to the event, the late fee will be $150 plus a $200 penalty for not forwarding the final list of actual entries for a total application fee of $500.

d. The host school shall submit a financial report about the event to the NFHS on the appropriate form within 90 calendar days of the completion of the event.

3) WIAA approval is required for:

a. Any interstate competition and/or event (other than scheduled conference events) in which four or more schools participate, including events hosted by WIAA member schools.

b. Any interstate competition and/or event which involves schools from three or more states, including events hosted by WIAA member schools.

4) No approval is required:

a. If only one adjacent state and a total of no more than three schools are involved.

b. If only one other school is involved.

5) 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.

6) No approval shall be granted for any tournament, meet, or other contest to qualify for and/or determine a national high school championship, but such championships involving schools for visually handicapped or deaf students are exempt from this provision.

7) Requests for National Federation or WIAA approval must be made by the host school on forms available from the NFHS website (when NFHS approval is required) or from the WIAA website (when only WIAA approval is required).

Section 6 – Classes Interrupted

A. In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated due to infectious/communicable disease by the school district or by local/county/state health agencies, interscholastic athletic practice and competition will be postponed or cancelled. If school is closed through the weekend but scheduled to reopen on Monday, practice would be allowed on Sunday if approved by school administration.

1) During the regular season, contests may be postponed and played at a later date in accordance with respective season regulations.

2) During the WIAA tournament series, if a school is closed or will be closed on the day of a WIAA tournament contest, the WIAA contest will be rescheduled, when possible, to the earliest possible date provided the rescheduled contest will be completed prior to the next scheduled round of the WIAA tournament. (Football contests must meet season regulations, 6c.) When a member school withdraws from a team tournament for any reason the most recently defeated opponent may replace that team.

Note: Schools participating in co-op programs which are not closed may continue to compete in the WIAA tournament series.

B. In the event scheduled classes are interrupted or terminated for reasons other than health, interscholastic athletic practice and competition may continue as determined by the administration, only if a duly authorized and qualified coach is in attendance, directly supervising and conducting the activity.

C. In the event scheduled classes are interrupted in A. or B. for an extended period of time:

1) If practices have been terminated for a period of at least seven days, but less than 14 days, a school may not resume competition until after three separate days of practice.

2) If practices have been terminated for a period of 14 days or more, a school may not resume competition until after five separate days of practice.

3) The requirement of minimum practice days as described in 1) and 2) above shall apply for any interruption or termination of classes, including Christmas-New Year and spring vacations.

4) Days as used in this Section shall be interpreted as calendar days.

Article III – School Equipment

Section 1 – Out-of-Season - Nonschool Use

A. In the summertime, with approval of its governing body, a school may issue its own protective equipment, uniforms, and other apparel for use by athletes in training or nonschool competition at its own discretion.

Note: For school protective equipment, uniforms and other apparel, summertime shall be from the Friday before Memorial Day to the first day of school. Reminder: School sanctioned coaching contact is not allowed prior to June 1.

B. During the school year, with approval of its governing body, a school may issue its baseball and softball equipment at its own discretion.

Note: A school may issue sport implements at any time, at its own discretion.

Article IV – All-Star Prohibition

Section 1 – Coaching - Supervision - Promotion

A. A school, including its administrators (district administrator and principal), athletic director, and coaches, shall not become involved directly or indirectly with the coaching, management, direction, and/or promotion of any kind of all-star game or similar contest involving students with remaining WIAA high school eligibility in any sport if such all-star games or similar contests are held during the established school year.

Article V – Master Eligibility List

Section 1 – School Files

A. School administration shall verify, prior to its first competition each school year, the eligibility of each participating student. Verification must include date of birth, year, and semester in school, and date of last physical (medical) examination, along with parent signature approving student participation. This verification shall be made available upon request, by either the Association office or an opposing school.

Article VI – Game Contracts

Section 1 – Competing Schools

A. A school shall 1) draw up a contract, signed by designated official representatives of the parties concerned, for all interscholastic competition and 2) adhere to the stipulation of such contracts.

1) School contracts are not required for participation in Association-sponsored tournaments.
2) A conference, by action recorded in its minutes, may consider an adopted schedule as a qualified and binding contract.
3) A contract may be cancelled only by mutual consent, in writing, by the designated official representatives of the parties concerned.
4) A forfeiture fee should be stipulated in all contracts, but payment of the fee shall not necessarily relieve a school from the possibility of disciplinary action.

Article VII – Schools Right to Protest

Section 1 – Violation by another Member School

A. A school administrator shall have the right to protest to the Association office a violation, on the part of another member school, and it is the duty and responsibility of a school and/or conference to immediately call to the attention of another member school and/or the Association office information or evidence pertaining to violation of Association rules.

Section 2 – Game Officials Misapplication of a Rule

A. The right of a school administrator to protest shall include decisions of game officials, related to errors in application of game rules, but protests 1) will not be allowed in Association tournament competition as pertaining to decisions of game officials, 2) must be called to the attention of the Association office no later than the following day (not including Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays), 3) cannot be honored if they involve judgment situations, 4) will not result in replaying or repeating any game, meet, match, event, or race or any portion of any game, meet, match, event, or race and 5) cannot supersede or bypass procedures for questioning officials outlined in the official rule book of a sport.

Section 3 – Video Review

A. Video review by WIAA staff is permitted when the indisputable misidentification of an ejected participant is believed to have occurred, which may result in the correct individual being assessed the ejection and subsequent suspension (next event at the same level of competition as the disqualification or WIAA Tournament). Only member school administration is permitted to request and submit one original, unedited video for review, after the conclusion of the game.

Note: Results of contests that receive a video review of an ejection remain unchanged.

Article VIII – Coaches Qualifications

Section 1 – Certified to Teach

A. Persons certified or eligible and applying for certification to teach in Wisconsin or who have completed a WIAA approved education course shall be assigned as coaches (including assistants, helpers, aides, etc.) of teams representing a school in interscholastic competition.

Section 2 – Application

A. This rule is applicable to all levels of competition, varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshman, etc., and practice sessions as well as actual competition.

Section 3 – Coaches Not Licensed to Teach (CNLTs)

A. A school may employ other than a certified teacher for coaching if a certified teacher is unavailable or unacceptable for coaching assignment.

B. The following provisions must be met:

1) All coaches not licensed as teachers must have completed a WIAA approved coaches education course before they start their second year of coaching.
2) In lieu of having a coach not licensed as a teacher complete a course, a school may assign a faculty mentor, not otherwise coaching, to be present at all times with the coach.
3) A coach not licensed as a teacher, with five years of documented coaching experience prior to the 1994-95 school year in public or nonpublic educational institutions, will not need to complete a coaches education course, but will need to apply annually.
4) Coaches not licensed as teachers, or who have not completed an approved coaches education course, must be registered with the WIAA office on the Request for Permission to Use a Coach Not Licensed to Teach Form (CNLT). This requirement includes first year coaches and coaches with five years of experience prior to the 1994-95 school year.
5) A fee schedule for coaches not licensed to teach will be issued annually.

Section 4 – Sport/Rules Meeting and Exam Requirement

A. All coaches, whether paid or unpaid, shall be required to attend a WIAA sport/rules meeting specific to the sport they coach and/or watch a WIAA sport/rules video and complete the rules exam, if such meetings or videos and exams are offered for that sport.

Section 5 – Required Coaches Education Courses

A. Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, all paid coaches, shall be certified and will maintain certification in First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification, and AED operation.

Article IX – Officials Qualifications

Section 1 – Licensed with WIAA

A. A school shall use only persons licensed with the Association for purposes of officiating interscholastic contests, varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshman, etc.

Note: The appropriate issue of Season Regulations outlines the specific requirements for officials in each sport.

Section 2 – Contracts

A. Contracts engaging services of officials (available from Association office) must be executed by an officially designated representative of the school for all interscholastic competition.

Note: A school, which uses other than contracts provided by the Association office, must indicate in its contract form that disciplinary action may be taken against official or school or both in cases of violation.

Article X – Game Control

Section 1 – School

A. All schools shall be responsible before, during, and after a game or meet for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students, and other spectators, and when requested, a school shall complete a report regarding a game or meet in which problems occurred.

B. A spectator removed or ejected from an interscholastic athletic competition for flagrant harassment or unsportsmanlike conduct is suspended from attendance for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game or meet). Host school administration is required to record and submit an ejection report to the WIAA. The spectator's athletic director will inform the spectator and, if the next event is an away event, they will contact the next opponent's administration.

C. A spectator, who is ejected from a contest, in addition to a one-game suspension, must complete the free NFHS Sportsmanship Class prior to attending the next home game for the school associated with the spectator.

Note: The suspension shall be served in the same sport, gender and level of competition that the ejection occurred. If the sport season is completed, the penalty will be applied during the next sport or sport season.

D. It shall be the responsibility of a school to eliminate such pranks and/or mischief, as ripping or cutting nets from basketball goals, tearing down goal posts, stealing batons, or marking flags or any other activity involving destruction and/or theft of game equipment and materials.

Section 2 – Game Officials

A. The referee or other game official may warn and, if necessary thereafter, order forfeiture by the offending team or school if the conduct and control of any party concerned, including spectators, interrupts or adversely affects the normal procedure and progress of a contest.

Article XI – Awards

Section 1 – School

A. A student may receive:

1) a medal, cup, trophy, or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost.

2) from schools, mementos not to exceed $200 in total fair market value. Nonschool organizations desiring to make contributions toward the purchase of a championship ring/memento must make those contributions to the school.

Section 2 – Nonschool

A. A banquet for a school team (or seniors, lettermen, etc.), sponsored by other than the school, shall not constitute a violation if arranged with the approval of the school.

B. Group entertainment, sponsored by other than the school, is permissible only if such entertainment is limited to transportation, admission to event, and necessary food and lodging, and it must be approved by the school.

Section 3 – General

A. A student may receive:

1) any other award for participation in an athletic contest, or for athletic honors or recognition, which does not exceed $100 in fair market value in the following WIAA recognized sports: Baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and wrestling for boys, and basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball and wrestling for girls.

2) and retain items of wearing apparel which are worn for nonschool athletic competition as a part of a team uniform provided for and worn by the student during competition.

Rules of Eligibility

The Rules of Eligibility, in general, contain information relating to the relationship of the student athlete to the high school and WIAA.

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Rules of Eligibility

For the convenience of readers, new rules and rules clarifications in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Eligibility have been highlighted (shaded areas).

Article I – General

Section 1 – School Administration

A. The responsibility of educating and guiding students in the rules of eligibility governing member schools of this Association shall rest with the administration of each school.

1) The administration of the school shall be responsible for the eligibility of all its athletes, and it is the duty and responsibility of one member school to immediately call to the attention of another member school and/or the Association office information or evidence pertaining to violations of Association rules.

Section 2 – School's Own Standards

A. The rules of student eligibility shall not be interpreted to prevent any member school or any conference from establishing more stringent regulations, but no school or conference may set up standards for interscholastic competition for any of its official teams, varsity or otherwise, which are less stringent than the minimums herein presented.

Section 3 – Who May Participate

A. A school may use on its interscholastic teams only its full-time students enrolled in grades affiliated with WIAA membership.

Note 1: No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

B. According to state law, a public school may use on its interscholastic teams students residing within the district boundary who are bona fide home-based private education students as defined by state law on the same basis and to the same extent as all other full-time students at the member school.

Section 4 – Who May Not Participate

A. 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) to compete at the 8th grade level at member middle schools.

Section 5 – Penalties for Violations

A. The penalty for participation by an ineligible student, according to a school's own rules or WIAA rules, either during the regular season or in WIAA tournament activity is as follows:

Note: Violations of the individual participation limitations of the various sports, as indicated in the appropriate issue of season regulations, are also treated under provisions indicated herein.

1) Team Sports (baseball, basketball, football, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, and volleyball)

The school must -

a. Forfeit all contests involved.

b. Adjust its place in conference standings and/or relinquish its place in tournament standings.

c. Return team and individual awards.

2) Individual Sports (cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, and wrestling)

The school must -

a. Eliminate all matches, places, points, scores, etc., of involved student as an individual, and eliminate all contributions made by involved student toward team score.

b. Reduce team points (score) and adjust conference standings and/or tournament places.

c. Return awards of individual(s) and, if appropriate, after adjusting standings, team awards.

3) Tournaments (including WIAA tournaments) - Team or student most recently defeated, upon discovery of violation, replaces offending team or student for remainder of tournament series.

Note: When a member school withdraws from a tournament for any reason other than a violation, the scheduled opponent will receive a forfeit.

B. It is a violation, when a student or parent (guardian) falsifies records and/or provides misleading information to a school and it will result in that student to be ineligible in all sports for one calendar year from date of last game or meet in which student participated.

C. A student who does not serve a penalty for violation by leaving the state and competing in another state will be ineligible for the balance of the suspension upon return to the state.

Section 6 – School Appeal

A. With the exception of the WIAA Tournament Series, appeals of forfeiture based on an ineligible student's contribution to victory in a team sport may be heard by the Board of Control. There will be a presumption by the Board that the ineligible student's participation did impact on the competition. It will be the responsibility of the school to satisfy to a clear and convincing standard that the student did not contribute in any way to the victory. There will be a presumption that the contest(s) would not have been won without the student's participation. The Board of Control will set the criteria to be considered in appeals hearings. The opposing school(s) will be given the opportunity to be heard. Refer to Appendix A for rules governing the appeals process.

Section 7 – Coach Must Be Present

A. No team (or student) shall represent his/her school at any time in connection with interscholastic competition, unless accompanied by a coach or another appointed member of the school faculty.

1) It is recommended that a female member of the faculty accompany any girls team coached by a male and a male member of the faculty accompany any boys team coached by a female.

2) A game shall be forfeited or a team disqualified from further participation in a meet if, after a game or meet official has ejected a coach for any reason, there is no other coach or faculty member of that school present to supervise the team.

Section 8 – Court Injunction

A. If a school declared disqualified or a student declared ineligible is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition, because of a court restraining order and/or injunction against the school or WIAA, and if such restraining order and/or injunction subsequently is voluntarily vacated, stayed, reversed, or finally determined by the courts not to justify injunctive relief, one or more of the penalties outlined in Article I, Section 5-A-1) and 2) may be taken in the interest of restitution and fairness to other member schools.

Article II - Residence and Transfer

Section 1 – Determining Residence for Public School Students

A. A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only at the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:

1) Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. (Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in Section 3 of this article.)

2) The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.

3) In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in Sections 3 and/or 5 of this Article.

4) A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but 1) may not participate at both schools in the same year and 2) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. The Board of Control may waive the requirements of this Section, upon request, for documented reasons of extenuating circumstances.

5) Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This Section extends the opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in Section 3 of this Article.

6) A student who has been in attendance in a school district for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that school district upon entering Grade 9.

7) Duly enrolled full-time students in special state and county supported schools and in public and nonpublic member residential schools as defined in Article III of the WIAA Constitution are not bound by the residence requirements.

8) Students placed in foster homes, group homes, etc., by area social services agencies are considered the same as students residing with parents.

9) A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).

10) Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, the Board of Education (School District) shall determine school assignment of a student in a district which maintains 1) more than one school of the same grades or 2) a special school so designated by the Board of Education (School District).

B. A full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined in Section 1-A above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in Section 5 of this Article.

Section 2 – Determining Residence for Nonpublic School Students

A. A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity interscholastic competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:

1) In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in Section 5 of this Article.

2) Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.

3) A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).

4) A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e. grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.

5) Students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence, except in transfer situations occurring mid-year or after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9.

   a. Note: Section 2-A.-1) above.

B. A full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined in Section 2-A above shall be eligible for nonvarsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in Section 5 of this Article.

Section 3 – Transfers

A. A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of interscholastic eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility. For the purpose of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine 'beginning of school year.' These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:

1) A student who transfers from any school into a member school will be subject to the transfer rules for one year, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s). [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]

2) Students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.

3) Students entering 11th and 12th grade are restricted to nonvarsity for one calendar year. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]

4) 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.

5) 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to nonvarsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).

6) A student who transfers into a member school without ever participating in a try-out, practice, scrimmage, or contest on a team sponsored by a school or a club in a WIAA recognized sport while attending classes at any school in grades 9-12 is unrestricted.

   Note: Residence rules still apply.

7) In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade.

8) District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WIAA transfer rules.

9) Unless transfer, including an accompanying total and complete change of parents residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.

10) A student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for nonvarsity opportunities only for the balance of one calendar year. [The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student's first day of attendance at the new school.]

11) A student may not have eligibility in more than one member school at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Control to provide evidence of a total and complete move.

12) A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.

    Note: A student who transfers due to expulsion or removal for disciplinary reason from the previous school is ineligible for the length of the expulsion as determined by the previous school's Board of Education.

13) No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with the school.

Section 4 – Foreign Exchange Students

A. This provision applies to students participating in foreign exchange programs. Foreign students attending a member school, but not participating in an exchange program, may receive consideration under Section 5, waivers and/or nonvarsity eligibility in accordance with Section 1B and 2B of this Article.

1) The residence requirement may be waived for one year, upon request, for students involved in foreign exchange programs that have received a 'Full' listing status by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). For students who are "directly placed" through an exchange program, students who are placed through an exchange program not affiliated with CSIET, or students who will not be in attendance for at least one complete semester from start to finish, eligibility will be limited to nonvarsity competition.

   Note 1: The foreign exchange program must assign students to host families by a method that ensures that no student, school or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. The foreign exchange student may not be selected or placed on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or abilities. Direct placement refers to a pre-existing relationship with a family, school and/or community which affects the student's placement.

   Note 2: All foreign students must have a physical conducted in the United States prior to participating in practice or competition.

2) Foreign exchange students who transfer after attending one day of school and/or one athletic practice are ineligible for varsity competition at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions described in Section 5 of this Article.

3) Foreign students attending and residing at member residential schools are exempt from the residence requirements.

Note: Transfer provisions apply identically to all students, both foreign and domestic. If a foreign exchange student has already used the one-year experience at any time, the transfer and residency rule will apply to a succeeding placement.

Section 5 – Waivers

A. The residence and transfer requirement may be waived according to the following provisions:

1) After a student has not participated and/or has been restricted to nonvarsity competition for one calendar year because parents do not live within that school's attendance boundaries, they become automatically eligible under this Section regardless of parents residence and for as long as enrollment is continuous (uninterrupted) in that school.

2) The residence and transfer requirement may be waived, if requested in advance, by a member school on behalf of one of its students and upon presentation of documentation detailing extenuating circumstances. Such documentation must include communications from 1) parents, 2) person(s) with whom student is living within requesting school's attendance boundaries, and 3) school officials within whose attendance boundaries parents reside. Depending upon the nature of extenuating circumstances, eligibility may be limited to nonvarsity competition following entry into grade ~~9~~ **10**.

3) In cases associated with Section 1, A, (2) and (4), Section 2, A, (1) and Section 3, A, (1) of this Article, first-time 9th grade students will be permitted one transfer upon appropriate petition to the Board of Control if the student has attended no more than three days of practice and/or has attended no more than three days of school.

Note: An extenuating circumstance is defined as an unforeseeable, unavoidable, and uncorrectable act, condition, or event which results in severe burden and involuntary change that mitigates the rule.

Article III – Age Requirement

Section 1 – Senior High

A. A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.

1) The Board of Control may provide relief from the age requirement due to extenuating circumstances.

2) Under no circumstances may a student begin a sport season once the student has reached his/her 20th birthday.

Section 2 – Verification

A. A birth or baptismal record or court verdict will establish the age of a student.

Article IV – Amateur Status

Section 1 – Loss of Eligibility

A. A student shall be an amateur in all recognized sports of this Association in order to compete in any sport, and he/she shall become ineligible for all further participation in the school's interscholastic program for violation of any of the amateur status provisions. The penalty may be reduced upon request of a school on the basis of documented extenuating circumstances, when accompanied by evidence of complete restitution made by the athlete (when applicable).

B. A student shall be determined to be in violation if he/she:

1) Accepts, receives, and/or directs to another, reimbursement or award in any form of 1) salary, 2) cash (including gift cards), or 3) share of game or season proceeds, for achievement in athletics.

a. Actual and necessary reimbursement for transportation, food, lodging and entry fees paid in connection with playing a contest shall not be regarded as a violation.

b. A student may receive:

(1) a medal, cup, trophy, or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost;

(2) from schools, mementos not to exceed $200 in total fair market value. Nonschool organizations desiring to make contributions toward the purchase of a championship ring/memento must make those contributions to the school;

(3) any other award for participation in an athletic contest, or for athletic honors or recognition, which does not exceed $100 in fair market value in the following WIAA recognized sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and wrestling for boys, and basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and wrestling for girls;

(4) and retain items of apparel which are worn by nonschool athletic competition as a part of a team uniform provided for and worn by the student during competition. (See Bylaws, Article XI – Awards)

c. A school may allow a student to retain items of practice and playing uniforms which, for reasons of hygiene, obsolescence, deterioration, etc., will not be passed on to another student.

2) Signs a contract or agreement for services as a participating athlete.

a. A student may be employed (but not self-employed) on a part-time basis as an instructor on the playgrounds, game official, lifeguard, e.g.

b. This rule shall not prevent a student from signing 1) an agreement which binds him/her to play only for a particular team, 2) an athletic tender with a university or college or 3) a name, image or likeness opportunity as outlined in Article IV Section 1-C.

3) Plays in any contest (school or nonschool) under a name other than his/her own name.

C. An athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money, compensation, endorsements or gifts of monetary value in affiliation or connection with activities involving the student's school team, school, Conference or WIAA (scholarships to institutions of higher learning are specifically exempted).

1) This provision is not intended to restrict the right of any student to participate in a Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) commercial endorsement provided there is no school team, school, Conference or WIAA affiliation.

2) Prohibited NIL Activities:

a. The student shall not appear in the uniform of the student's school and does not utilize the marks, logos, etc. of the school team, school, Conference or WIAA as part of any endorsement.

b. The student shall not promote activities nor products associated with the following: gaming/gambling; alcoholic beverages, tobacco, cannabis, or related products; banned or illegal substances; adult entertainment products or services; weapons (i.e. firearms).

c. The compensation is not contingent on specific athletic performance or achievement (ie. financial incentives based on points scored).

d. The compensation is not provided by the school or persons associated with school as **real or perceived** inducement to attend a particular school ("recruiting") or to remain enrolled at a particular school.

Note: Definition of Persons Associated With School include, but are not limited to; current or former coaches, current or former athletes, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver of current or former student/athletes (exception of one's own parent) , booster club members, alumni, spouses or relatives of coaches, teachers and other employees, coaches who become employed, active applicants for coaching positions, and persons who are employed by companies or organizations that have donated monetarily, athletic supplies, equipment or apparel to that school.

e. The NIL activities do not interfere with a student-athlete's academic obligations.

f. A student does not miss athletic practice, competition, travel, or other team obligations in order to participate in NIL opportunities.

g. A student can not utilize representation or contract an agent. High schools or its employees are not allowed to help facilitate deals for student-athletes.

Note: When an athlete has been identified with or without permission and/or awareness resulting in a violation of this rule, the penalty may be reduced once the violation has been rectified.

Article V – Attendance and Scholarship

Section 1 – Senior High

A. A student is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is:

1) Carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time student of a public member school for purposes of state equalization aids as a Grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 student in that member school.

Note: A full-time student is a student where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

2) Carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled student at a nonpublic member school as a full-time Grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 student in that member school.

3) A student –

a. Is ineligible after attending eight semesters or 12 trimesters while enrolled in Grades 9-12.

b. May not participate (practice and/or compete) in a sport in more than four different seasons while in Grades 9-12 or three different seasons while in Grades 10-12.

c. May not participate (practice and/or compete) in a sport in more than one season each school year with summer considered an extension of the previous school year.

Note: A student who transfers before the end of a season may not exceed in his/her total participation the individual game or meet limitations of that sport. A student may not participate in the tournament series of a sport for two different schools in the same school year. A student who transfers before the end of a season in a sport sponsored in more than one season may participate in both seasons but may not exceed in his/her total participation the individual game or meet limitations of that sport.

d. Must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 unless there are documented extenuating circumstances.

Note: Eligibility which has been extended beyond the four-year (Grades 9-12) or three-year (Grades 10-12) period cannot be delayed until a semester of the student's or school's own choosing.

4) After a student becomes a senior, he/she must conclude eligibility in one academic year through uninterrupted attendance, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances.

5) A semester or trimester of eligibility shall be charged to a student after he/she 1) has been in attendance in that semester or trimester at least 40 days (using school starting date and date of withdrawal of student) or 2) has participated in an interscholastic contest.

6) A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, etc.

7) A freshman student who has not completed all work below Grade 9 may be eligible only if he/she is meeting the academic standard in Grade 9 classes in addition to Grade 8 make-up courses.

8) A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.

9) A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for 1) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and 2) the school's summer athletic schedule.

10) A Grade 9 student attending a school of students in Grade 9 or under is eligible only at the senior high school which he/she will be attending the following year.

Section 2 – Academic Eligibility

A. A student must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent (school issued) grade-reporting period.

A senior who has acquired all necessary credits toward graduation is not exempt from this rule.

1) A student who becomes academically ineligible may regain eligibility on the 16th scheduled school day by meeting the academic standard, following a period of 15 scheduled school days and nights of ineligibility.
2) A student regains eligibility immediately if incompletes are made up within two weeks after a grade-reporting period.
3) A student may erase ineligibility status related to the last grade-reporting period of the school year through summer school courses (including correspondence courses) at the same or some other school, provided:
   a. The student successfully completes not less than the same number of courses which caused ineligibility.
4) A student who is ineligible for a minimum of 15 scheduled school days, under the provisions of this Section, may not return to competition until the school day following the 15-day ineligibility period.
5) A student who is enrolled in some courses in a university/college or technical college or some similar institution:
   a. Must receive high school credit which meets the academic standard or have a notation made on his/her high school transcript that he/she successfully met the equivalent of the academic standard between the two schools involved.

   Note: A student who has been assigned to a technical college by the school district is exempt from the provision requiring physical attendance at least one course each day, provided such a student continues being carried on the attendance rolls for purposes of state aids.
6) A student who is enrolled in any state-approved EEN program and receives no usual grades for such courses may be eligible if he/she is making satisfactory progress in his/her total school program as indicated by his/her IEP.
7) The ineligibility status described in the introduction to this Section (A) will be adjusted as follows for students in fall sports in which the date of earliest allowed competition is before the first day students are in class:
   a. Fall Sports – The minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of 1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport or 2) one-third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
8) A school because of computer printout of grades being delayed may use a prearranged date other than the last day of a grade-reporting period to determine eligibility, provided 1) all other provisions of this Section (A) are followed and 2) the procedure developed is the same for all students, all grade-reporting periods, and all sports.

A student ineligible by a school's academic standards more stringent than those herein stated is ineligible as indicated in this Section unless the school has adopted some other ineligibility provision.

Article VI – Nonschool Participation

Section 1 – In-Season

A. It is the philosophy of this Association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which they are a member during the season of a given sport. Athletes may compete in not more than two nonschool competitions with school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Nonschool competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for not receiving school approval beforehand and/or competing in more than two nonschool games, meets, or contests in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. The penalty may be reduced, with the forfeiture of the two nonschool opportunities, upon request of a school on the basis of documented extenuating circumstances.

   Note: With the approval of school administration, a student may be allowed to participate as an individual (not part of a team) in contests which isolate separate sport skills outside the traditional competition setting, e.g., shooting, passing, kicking contests. Such skill contests/events may not include physical contact with another participant or contain similar risks for serious injury or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. There can be no school coach involvement. The approval of the school may be granted on the basis that such participation will not impair or alter the student's eligibility (i.e.: Amateur status) or other membership rules.

1) Nonschool games, meets, or contests shall be interpreted to include 1) all games, meets, or contests outside the control of the school and 2) any games, meets, or contests within a school (other than official interscholastic athletic program) involving another school or a nonschool organization.
2) A student who was a member of a school team in a given sport during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice in order to continue nonschool training or competition, except in the fall-sponsored sports of cross country, tennis, golf, and swimming, provided the delay does not extend beyond the first interscholastic meet.
3) A student who is cut from the squad, during the regular season (not including WIAA tournaments) for reasons of skill, is exempt from this rule if there is an opportunity to rejoin the team later in the same regular season. A student suspended from the team for the remainder of the season for reasons of discipline or academic problems, is exempt from this rule. A student suspended from the team for a portion of the season is not exempt from this rule.

B. National Teams and Olympic Development Programs for Team and Individual Sport Athletes

1) During the school year, students who participate for their school in a sport may participate through training, tryout or competition on a National Team or in a United States Olympic Development Program provided the student receives an individual invitation from either the United States National Governing Body (NGB) on the national level for that sport or from the United States Olympic Committee:

a. **National Team Definition**: A national team is a team selected by the National Governing Body (NGB) of the sport on a national qualification basis either through a defined selective process or actual tryouts for the purpose of international competition which requires the entries to officially represent the respective nations, although it is not necessary there be team scoring by nation. Participation by high school students on bona fide national teams that represent the United States may be permitted.

b. **Olympic Development Program Definition:** An Olympic Development Program (ODP) is defined as a training program or competition that is conducted or sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee, or directly funded and conducted by the United States Olympic committee member National Governing Body (NGB) on the national level, or specifically authorized by a national governing body involving only athletes previously identified by the NGB as having potential for future participation at the regional national, or international competition in that sport.

Official National Governing Bodies

Baseball	USA Baseball	Soccer	U.S. Soccer Federation
Basketball	USA Basketball	Softball	Amateur Softball Association
Diving	USA Diving	Swimming	USA Swimming
Football	USA Football	Tennis	U.S. Tennis Association
Golf	U.S. Golf Association	Track and Field	USA Track & Field
Gymnastics	USA Gymnastics	Volleyball	USA Volleyball
Ice Hockey	USA Hockey	Wrestling	USA Wrestling
Lacrosse	USA Lacrosse		

c. **Special Olympic Definition:** Special Olympics provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

d. Waivers may be provided:

(1) The national team or development program meets the above definition.

(2) The student makes application to the high school principal or designee.

(3) The member school requests a waiver.

Section 2 – Out-of-Season

A. 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.

B. 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 outside the actual school season may not occur outside the Board of Control approved contact days calendar.

C. 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 Section 2A 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) **Any returning** 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. An exception is that coaches can have coaching contact with students who have just completed 8th grade up until these 8th graders start their 9th grade year as a student or first attends a day of fall practice (whichever comes first). Board of Control approved summertime coach contact is as follows:

a. Sanctioned School Coaching Contact - Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, 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 this section.

c. This provision shall not prevent a coach from having supervisory responsibilities outside the designated season of a sport. Supervisory involvement, however, does not include situations like club team coaching (such as swimming & diving, except in summer), driving (or accompanying) student to competition or training (clinics, camps, etc.), conducting drills, throwing batting practice, running through plays, demonstrating techniques, or any other activity which could be regarded as coaching or instructing.

d. Coaches are allowed to recreate along with students in school-sponsored open gyms which are purely recreational in nature.

e. Coaches are allowed to use some or all of their athletes, as clinicians, when conducting a clinic for youngsters who have just completed 8th grade on down. This may be done June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31.

Note: 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.

f. A member school is permitted to supervise conditioning programs under the open gym provisions, which may include weight lifting, speed, agility, fitness. The program must be limited to non-sport and non-sport-skill-specific instruction. Basic 'instruction' e.g., safe lifting, safe spotting, training regimen and rationale, are permitted. No sport implements and/or sport specific movement/drills should be part of the open weight room. These conditioning programs must be made known and accessible to all interested students and must be voluntary.

3) With approval of its governing body, a school may issue its own equipment, uniforms and other apparel for use by athletes in training or nonschool competition in the summertime, at its own discretion.

Note: For school protective equipment, uniforms and other apparel, summertime shall be from the Friday before Memorial Day to the first day of school. Reminder: Coaching contact is not allowed prior to the last day of school. (See Bylaws, Article III – School Equipment)

4) It is not permissible for any person or organization, except the student or parents, to pay for any of the cost or fee of any kind of nonschool activity involving specialized training or similar instruction. Students must pay 100% of any expenses, including transportation, to any nonschool (out-of-season) camps, clinics, or specialized training. Schools are reminded that free and/or reduced rate opportunities afforded to select individuals can impact on amateur status.

Note: This provision shall not prevent a school from covering the costs of team participation in a clinic or similar activity during the season of a sport and/or sanctioned school contact days.

5) A student must discontinue summertime participation in nonschool competition prior to the first day of the school's official opening day of practice in the same sport.

Note: See exception in Section 1-A-2) of this Article.

Section 3 – All-Star Activities

A. It is the philosophy of this Association that all-star games and similar activities do not serve the best interests of high school students because of overemphasis, exploitation, selection procedure, and/or other factors.

B. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for a maximum of one year from date of last offense for participating in an all-star game or similar activity.

1) An all-star team consists of students chosen on the basis of individual accomplishment or reputation from two or more existing or recently existing teams. An all-star game is one played between two teams, either of which consists of selected students of two or more existing or recently existing teams.

Note: In individual sports, participation by invitation and with no team affiliation would be exempt from this rule.

2) Activities within the confines of each member school do not come under the limitations of the all-star rule.

3) Activities during the summertime within the confines of an established league or program, such as an interdivisional contest or a team picked to represent a given league in additional competition, are exempt from this rule.

4) A senior who violates this rule forfeits all remaining high school eligibility in the same specific sport as the all-star event.

5) International competition or cultural exchange programs, which are in conflict with this rule, may be approved by the Board of Control.

Article VII – Health and Behavior/Compliance

Section 1 – Required Documentation

A. A student may not practice for or participate in interscholastic athletics until the school has written evidence on file in its office attesting to:

1) Parental permission each school year including an acknowledgment of receiving the school athletic code,

2) Acknowledgment of receiving the WIAA Rules of Eligibility,

3) Athletic Emergency Form

4) Current physical fitness to participate in sports.

Section 2 – Physical Examination

A. A participation physical fitness form attesting to current physical fitness to participate in sports as determined by a licensed physician, Physician's Assistant (PA) or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) no less than every other school year with April 1 the earliest date of examination. School policy determines when an athlete may return to competition following an injury, except where rule book or WIAA tournament policies apply.

B. Physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years; physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and following school year.

Note: It is recommended that a student also have dental fitness attested by a licensed dentist.

Section 3 – Code of Conduct

A. A school shall have a code of conduct for its athletes, and it is strongly recommended that the code 1) designate the period of time involved in a suspension in advance of the school year and 2) be developed with the involvement of students, coaches, and administration and adopted by the Board of Education or recognized governing body.

B. The WIAA is against the use of anabolic-androgenic steroids and other performance enhancing substances (PES). Member schools shall devote time each year to positive programs which highlight prevention and education of the risks, benefits and adverse effects of PES. Coaches, teachers, sports medicine staff and school administrators who ignore or encourage the use of PES, provide and/or sell PES to athletes (including indirect distribution through a third party) shall be subject to their own school's provisions regarding discipline.

C. A student is required to follow the school's code of conduct on a year-round (12 month) basis.

*This rule is subject to and superseded by the requirements and limitations imposed on the school by Department of Education regulations promulgated under Title IX relating to how schools must respond to allegations of sexual harassment consistent with Part 106 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

1) In-season violations of the school code will result in immediate suspension of the student from interscholastic competition for no less than one day of competition (but not less than one complete game or meet) for acts involving 1) possession and/or use of alcohol, 2) possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco, and/or 3) use, possession, buying, or selling of controlled substances, street drugs, and performance enhancing substances (PES).

   Note 1: When the suspension results in a fraction of a game, the number shall be rounded up to the next whole number of games (i.e. 2.1 or 2.8 games equals 3 games).

   Note 2: This is a minimum penalty and may not be reduced by any other provision of the school code.

   Note 3: Any portion of the suspension not completed during the current season will carry over to the next sport or sport season.

   Note 4: Victims of sexual assault and bystanders who report a sexual assault, request emergency assistance, cooperate with and assist law enforcement, and stay on the scene or who encounter law enforcement at a medical facility at which the victim is being treated cannot be issued a code of conduct violation. The victim or bystanders must meet the State Amnesty Law Requirements. The victim may not falsely claim amnesty knowing that the situation that he or she reports does not exist.

2) The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including all out-of-season offenses.

3) The member school will determine minimum penalties for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principles, and standards of the school and this Association, including but not limited to criminal behavior.

4) Any student charged and/or convicted of a felony shall, upon the filing of felony charges, become ineligible for all further participation until the student has paid his/her debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).

Note: Except for conduct violations under paragraph 4) felony charges, the school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to any penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.

D. The minimum penalty for acts outlined above in Section 3-C (1-3) which results in a student being suspended for any portion of WIAA tournament competitions, is immediate disqualification of the student for the remainder of the total tournament series in that sport.

E. Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, may not 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.

F. A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons and/or as a result of another State Association regulation or sanction retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.

Section 4 – Flagrant or Unsportsmanlike Conduct and/or Assault on an Official

A. A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game or meet) at the same level of competition as the disqualification.

Note: The penalty shall be served in the sport in which the offense occurred. If that sport season is completed, then it shall be served in the next sport or sport season.

B. 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.

Appendices

Note: the following appendices reflect WIAA Board of Control guidelines, interpretations, and policies. They are not to be confused with the WIAA membership's Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of Eligibility.

Appendix A

WIAA Appeal Process

A. **Aggrieved Parties May Appeal Decision**

If an administrator or board of education of a member school, a student or parent/guardian or a game official is dissatisfied with a decision or with a ruling or interpretation of the Executive Director's office relative to the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules of Eligibility, or Sport Officials Guide, and such administrator, board of education, student or parent/guardian or game official is an aggrieved and affected party, such party may within 15 days of receipt of the original decision submit to the WIAA, a notice of appeal of the decision and a request for a formal hearing before the Board of Control.

Any aggrieved parties appealing a decision or a ruling or interpretation of the Executive Director relative to the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules of Eligibility or Sport Officials Guide must cite the provision of the Constitution, The Bylaws, The Rules of Eligibility, or Sport Officials Guide allegedly violated and must state the waiver sought or the relief desired.

B. **Application/Status**

The WIAA Appeals Procedures do not apply to the Executive Director's rulings, interpretations or decisions relating to sports regulations, National Federation rules or regulations, WIAA adopted National Federation rules or regulations as amended or any other determinations not specifically set forth in paragraph A above. The decision of the Executive Director and any penalty or penalties imposed shall remain in effect until such time as a contrary decision is made by the Board of Control pursuant to the procedures set forth herein. If there is an event or competition which is scheduled to take place prior to the time a determination is made by the Board of Control, the Executive Director's decision will remain in effect until such time as a determination is made by the Board of Control.

C. **Notice**

The Executive Director shall notify the appealing party, of the time and place set for a hearing on the appeal. The hearing shall be conducted in conjunction with a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, or the matter may be heard at a special meeting of the Board at the discretion of the Board.

D. **Attendance at the Hearing**

Member school administrators, boards of education, students or parents/guardian or game officials who are appealing parties are entitled to attend hearings. In the instance of a student submitting the appeal, such student may be represented by the member school attended. Any person entitled to be in attendance at such hearing may represent themselves. Such persons are also entitled to be represented by counsel.

E. **Board of Control to Hear Appeals**

The Board of Control of the Association shall hear and decide all appeals brought under the provision of these rules. The President of the Board of Control may appoint a hearing officer to preside over the hearing or may act as the hearing officer. The hearing officer may, at the beginning of the hearing, ask for statements clarifying the issues involved or factual matters to which the appealing party will stipulate and agree. The appealing party shall present its defense and proofs. The parties may offer such evidence, including the testimony of witnesses, as they desire, and which shall be relevant to the proceedings. Each party shall have the right to cross examine witnesses of the adverse party. All parties shall be afforded the opportunity to examine all documents introduced.

F. **Closing of Hearing**

The hearing officer shall specifically inquire of all parties whether they have further evidence. Upon receiving negative replies, the hearing officer shall declare the hearing closed.

G. **Hearing in Absence of any Party**

The hearing may proceed in the absence of any party who, after it is shown has received due notice thereof, fails to be present or fails to request an adjournment. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for any meeting. Adjournments may be considered by the hearing officer upon the request of a party or upon the initiative of the hearing officer. However, a decision shall not be made solely upon the default of a party but shall be based upon the evidence in the matter before the Board.

H. **Decision of the Board**

The decision of the Board of Control shall be made by a majority of the voting members at the hearing no later than the next regularly scheduled meeting following the hearing. The decision shall be in writing, signed by the Board of Control President or Executive Director, and shall state the conclusions of the Board. It shall be mailed to the appealing party. All decisions of the Board shall be final and nonappealable except as provided by these rules.

I. **Video Replay**

School administration may have up to 24 hours to submit one, unedited video of the play where a player was ejected from a contest, to identify a misidentified student-athlete to the respective sport director. The review will be conducted by WIAA Executive staff and any designee, after the conclusion of the game. The result of the review is final with no ability to appeal the decision.

Appendix B

Conference Alignment

(Board of Control Guidelines and Philosophy)

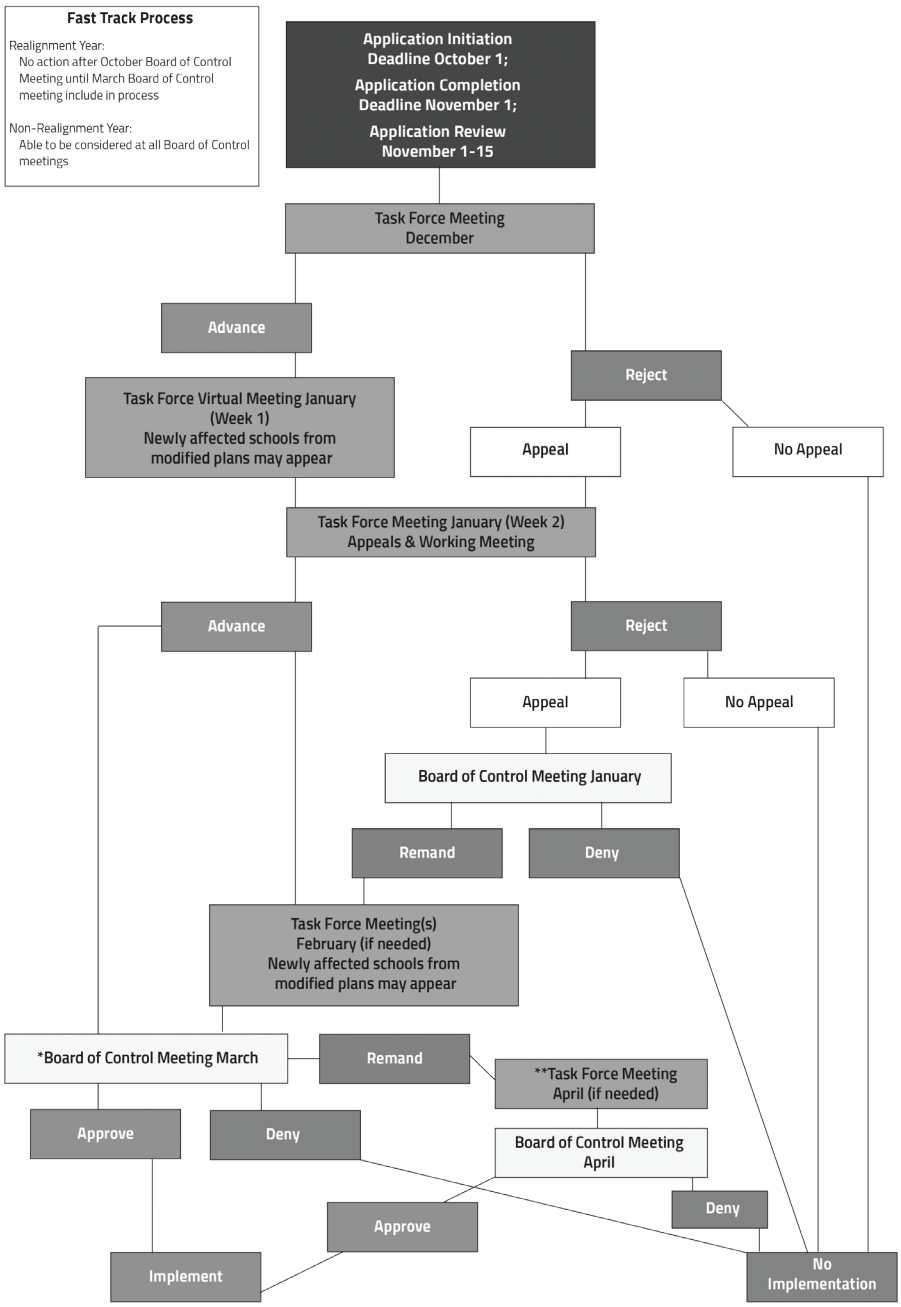
The Board of Control's authority in conference alignment is outlined in the Constitution of the WIAA under Article VI-Powers and Duties of the Board of Control, Section 10, as follows:

The Board of Control has the authority to take action to bring about a reasonable conference affiliation and relationship for member high schools. Reasonable conference affiliation and relationship with member high schools may include total movement of member schools, sport specific relief, and/or scheduling assistance.

Note: While it is not generally the intent to make wholesale changes in existing conference lines; it should be understood that there could be adjustments in areas where conference affiliation problems are particularly acute. It should also be understood that it may not be realistic to find a solution for every member school.

For inclusion in a conference, any member high school, either through co-op application or by singular sponsorship, must offer one sport for boys and one sport for girls during the school year seasons: fall, winter, and spring. Schools that are not coeducational must adhere to a similar single-gender requirement.

Conference Realignment Flow Chart



*All affected schools have the right to appeal to the WIAA Board of Control in March.
**WIAA Board of Control appeals in April are reserved only for schools affected by remanded plans.

Appendix C

Awards

The policies and procedures relative to awards for WIAA tournament series competition are structured to treat all sports in a similar manner.

Team Awards

1. All sports receive State championship and runner-up trophies.
   Note: Trophies in boys wrestling and tennis at team tournament only.
2. All sports receive sectional championship plaques.
   Note: Plaques in wrestling at team tournament only.
3. The following sports receive regional championship plaques.
   a. Baseball (Spring) – Divisions 2, 3, & 4 only
   b. Basketball.
   c. Golf.
   d. Soccer.
   e. Softball.
   f. Track & Field.
   g. Volleyball – Girls only.
   h. Wrestling – Girls only.
4. All sports (or divisions of sports) not listed in No. 3 above receive sectional runner-up plaques.
5. Because not all schools participate in the playoff program, football has a special awards format as follows:
   a. 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.
   b. Championship at 11-Player and 8-Player, sectionals receive plaques.

Individual Medals

1. The following sports receive State medals for championship and runner-up team members (in the quantities indicated):
   a. Baseball (18).
   b. Basketball (18). Three Point Challenge – Medals to top 10 qualifiers (2 per division). Plaque to champion.
   c. Cross Country (7).
   d. Football (Division 1 – 60, Division 2 – 56, Division 3 – 52, Division 4 – 48, Division 5 – 44, Division 6 – 40, Division 7 – 38). 8-Player (24).
   e. Golf (6).
   f. Gymnastics (actual number).
   g. Hockey (22).
   h. Lacrosse (30).
   i. Soccer (25).
   j. Softball (18).
   k. Swimming & Diving (10).
   l. Tennis Team Tournament (10).
   m. Volleyball (18).
   n. Wrestling Team Tournament (28).
2. The following sports receive State medals for the first six finishers in individual/relay events:
   a. Golf.
   b. Gymnastics.
   c. Swimming & Diving.
   d. Tennis Individual Tournament.
   e. Track & Field.
   f. Wrestling Individual Tournament.
3. The following sport receives State medals for the first ten individual finishers:
   a. Cross Country.
4. Sectional medals are given to the championship and runner-up team members in the same sports and quantities indicated for State
   (No. 1) except that 11-Player football teams receive these medals at Level 4 (the games immediately preceding the State Finals).
   (No. 2) basketball teams receive 18 medals at the sectional level.
5. Sectional medals are given to individuals/relay teams who finish –
   a. Cross Country – 1st through 5th who are not members of the first or second place teams, excluding the race winner.
   b. Golf – 1st through 5th plus the top three individual qualifiers who are not members of a qualifying team.
   c. Gymnastics – 1st through 5th in individual events and 1st through 5th in all-around.

d. Swimming & Diving – 1st and 2nd plus others among the 14 (Division 1 & Division 2) best (excluding sectional winners.) Relays receive 4 medals.

e. Tennis – 1st through 4th in Flight 1, 1st in all other flights, and additional State qualifiers in singles and doubles.

f. Track & Field – 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Division 1, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in Divisions 2 and 3, plus others among the ten best (excluding sectional winners and runners-up.) Relay teams receive six medals.

g. Wrestling – 1st and 2nd (individual tournament).

6. There are no individual awards at the regional level.

Additional Information

1. The size of plaques for 1st and 2nd place are the same within each tournament level (regional or sectional) for each tournament series.
2. There are some differences in State trophies because of usage of official size molded balls or figurines.
3. Schools may purchase from the WIAA additional medals for members of championship and runner-up teams beyond the allotment provided. (See Individual Awards.)
4. Managers of tournaments may not present any awards other than those provided by the WIAA.
5. Duplicate awards are provided after specified tie-breaking procedures are applied. If there are two or more champions, no runner-up award is presented. The same criteria will apply for ties in individual events.

Appendix D

Authority of Contest Manager

The Constitution reference for this section, Authority of Contest Manager, is Article X – Game Control on Page 27 of this HANDBOOK.

Guidelines

It is necessary that a school designate a contest manager for every contest it hosts. This applies to all sports and all levels of competition. It is also important it be understood that the coach will automatically serve as the contest manager if no one else is so identified. The individual that will serve as contest manager should introduce themselves to the contest officials prior to the contest.

These guidelines are limited to the authority of a contest manager as it relates to whether or not:

A. A contest shall begin after all participants have arrived.

B. A contest should continue after it has started.

In both cases, the manager will be concerned only with playing conditions, i.e., weather, facilities, equipment, and/or crowd control.

A. Unless otherwise indicated in the rule book of the sport involved, the contest manager's authority exists from the time participating teams arrive up to the actual start of the contest.

B. The contest manager's authority is limited once the contest begins. They may, at an appropriate time, consult with game officials to indicate concern about safety of the participants as it relates to weather, facilities, equipment, and/or crowd control. The manager is not to interject concerns regarding such things as rough play, score differential, judgment calls, or quality of officiating. Only the contest officials have the authority to terminate a contest once it has begun.

C. If because of conduct the contest is to be rescheduled on a different day, the WIAA office should be involved in that decision.

Note: If the contest is to be resumed, proper note must be made of all pertinent details; for example, in a football game – yard line, down, yards-to-go, time, unsportsmanlike penalties, etc. Documentation of these details should be made in the form of a signed agreement by representatives of all schools involved.

When a Coach is Contest Manager

All the above provisions apply. The coach, prior to and following the contest, must act in a capacity of contest manager as well as coach. During the contest, they may, in addition to serving as coach, be called upon to take action as a contest manager as provided in B. above.

Reporting System

When a contest is not allowed to start after teams have arrived or is interrupted because of poor conduct on the part of spectators, contestants, and/or coaches, a letter of explanation must be sent to the WIAA office, by the contest manager and the contest officials, providing:

A. Details regarding the incident.

B. Plans, if any, for rescheduling or resuming the contest.

Note: It is recognized that no single guideline or statement can be all inclusive. Contest managers are expected to take any action they feel necessary as they administer their duties.

Appendix E

Blood-Borne Pathogens Outline of Responsibilities and Procedures

I. Through OSHA/DILHR/DPI each school is required to have an exposure control plan that includes:

   A. Training of total staff.

   B. Protection of staff.

   C. Protection of students.

      1. Have trained person available.

      2. Be prepared to handle bleeding situations.

      3. Get student safely back into school programs.

II. Officials determine who must leave contest by enforcement of national rule

   A. Because of bleeding and/or open wound.

   B. Because of excessive blood on uniform.

III. School personnel handles blood-related situations in accordance with OSHA/DILHR/DPI regulations.

Appendix F

Concussion Information - When in Doubt, Sit Them Out!

1. Before a student may participate in practice or competition: At the beginning of a school year for a youth athletic activity, the person operating the youth athletic activity shall distribute a concussion and head injury information sheet to each person who wishes to participate in that youth athletic activity. No person may participate in a youth athletic activity unless the person returns the information sheet signed by the person and, if they are under the age of 19, by their parent or guardian. At the beginning of a season for a youth athletic activity, a concussion and head injury information sheet shall be distributed to each person who will be coaching that youth athletic activity.
2. An athletic coach, or official involved in a youth athletic activity, or health care provider shall remove a person from the youth athletic activity if the coach, official, or health care provider determines that the person exhibits signs, symptoms, or behavior consistent with a concussion or head injury or the coach, official, or health care provider suspects the person has sustained a concussion or head injury.
3. A person who has been removed from a youth athletic activity may not participate in a youth athletic activity until he or she is evaluated by a health care provider and receives a written clearance to participate in the activity from the health care provider. No athlete shall return to play or practice on the same day of being diagnosed with a concussion or rendered unconscious.

These are some SIGNS of concussion (what others can see in an injured athlete):

Dazed or stunned appearance

Change in the level of consciousness or awareness

Confused about assignment

Forgets plays

Unsure of score, game, opponent

Clumsy

Answers more slowly than usual

Shows behavior changes

Loss of consciousness

Asks repetitive questions or memory concerns

Concussion SYMPTOMS are often categorized into four main areas:

1. Physical – This describes how they feel: headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, tired, and loss of consciousness (which is uncommon in concussion). Vision and balance problems are also recognized as potential signs and symptoms of a concussion.
2. Thinking – Poor memory and concentration, responds to questions more slowly and asks repetitive questions. Concussion can cause an altered state of awareness and thinking.
3. Emotions – A concussion can make a person more irritable or sad and cause mood swings.
4. Sleep – Concussions frequently cause trouble falling asleep and may wake athletes up overnight, which can make them more fatigued throughout the day.

Injured athletes can exhibit many or just a few of the signs and/or symptoms of concussion. However, if a player exhibits any signs or symptoms of concussion, the responsibility is simple: remove them from participation. An athlete should never return to play on the same day. **"When in doubt sit them out."**

It is important to notify a parent or guardian of any athlete with a suspected concussion. All athletes with a concussion must be evaluated and receive written medical clearance by an appropriate health care provider before returning to practice (including conditioning and weight lifting) or competition.

RETURN TO PLAY

In order to resume full participation in sport, the student-athlete must be **symptom free** and off any pain control or headache medications that they were not taking prior to the concussion. The athlete should be carrying a full academic load without any significant accommodations for 1-2 days. Finally, per Wisconsin law, the student-athlete must have written medical clearance from an appropriate health care provider.

The program below details guidelines for returning concussed student-athletes to exercise and activity. Athletes with multiple concussions and/or prolonged symptoms often require a prolonged or different return to activity program which should be managed by a physician with experience in treating concussion.

The program allows for a gradual increase in heart rate/physical exertion, coordination, and then allows contact. Student-athletes should progress no faster than one stage per 24 hours. If symptoms return while working through the program, the athlete should stop activity and notify their healthcare provider before progressing to the next level.

STAGE ONE:	Daily activities that do not increase symptoms (gradual reintroduction of school, work and walking). This may be started within a few days of the injury.
STAGE TWO:	Light aerobic exercise: slow to medium pace jogging, stationary cycling. No resistance training. No increase in symptoms. This stage allows for increased heart rate - begin with <55% of max HR, but if tolerating, can progress to <70% of max HR.
STAGE THREE:	Sport-specific exercise: moderate to higher intensity running or skating drills, but no activities with risk of head impact. This allows for increased heart rate and agility/movement. No increase in symptoms.
*STAGE FOUR:	Non-contact training: Higher intensity aerobic fitness, and non-contact/non-collision team training drills (e.g., passing drills). May begin progressive resistance training. This increases coordination and thinking during sport.
STAGE FIVE:	Full contact practice. Following medical clearance, participate fully in normal training activities. This restores confidence and allows coaches to assess functional skills.
STAGE SIX:	Full clearance / Normal game play.

* Stages 4-6 should only begin after the complete resolution of any symptoms, abnormalities in cognitive function, and any other clinical finding related to the current concussion. Student-athletes should remain symptom-free during and after physical exertion.

Ref. Wisconsin State Statute 118.293 Concussion and head injury.

Appendix G

Spectator/Crowd Conduct Policies

The pursuit of good sportsmanship is a priority of the WIAA and its member schools. Coaches, administrators, athletes, cheerleaders, support groups, and fans are expected to display good sportsmanship at all regular season and tournament contests. The WIAA Board of Control has established the following guidelines for certain matters during WIAA tournament competition. Schools are encouraged to have policies that promote good sportsmanship on a local and conference level for regular-season events. Schools are reminded that they may be requested to submit a written report to the WIAA if problems with conduct occur during a game or meet as specified in the WIAA Bylaws (Article X, Game Control).

The manager of each tournament site will be expected to notify the WIAA office by telephone no later than the following school day of any serious problem or situation in the area of spectator control, crowd sportsmanship, etc. Managers should contact each competing school if host school policies are more restrictive than WIAA policies listed in this section.

WIAA Tournament Policies

Note: The WIAA membership-sponsored tournaments are the collective property of the Association and not of any individual member. The Association reserves the right to promote and advance the membership's interests with publication information; exclusive arrangements to create recognition and exposure for school-sponsored activities; restrictive policies prohibiting exploitation and commercialization of membership-sponsored tournaments; appropriate proprietary interests; and the use of images or transmissions identifying students, administrative personnel and member school marks.

Locker Room

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

Use of Public Address System

At all WIAA tournament sites, the public address system is only to be used for announcements necessary for the administration of the contest.

Sportsmanship Announcement

The following announcement is required to be read prior to player introductions of Tournament Series contests.

"_____, _____, and the WIAA require good sportsmanship at education-based sporting events. Attendance at interscholastic activities is a privilege with the expectation to exhibit positive and respectful behavior. For the enjoyment and respect of all in attendance, your cooperation in demonstrating the high ideals of sportsmanship is expected and greatly appreciated."

Protocol for Presentation of Colors and National Anthem

Respect the American flag and National Anthem. For additional information and protocol for the flag and anthem, please visit these websites for details: *www.legion.org/national/americanflag/flagcode* and *www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/36/301.html.* The following script may be used as an introduction to the National Anthem.

"To honor America and those defending our freedom, we ask those who are able, to stand, remove your hats, and place your hand over your heart for the playing/singing of our National Anthem."

Bands

Participating schools will be allowed to bring their band and/or have a support group perform at halftime. Bands will be permitted to play only before and after competition, during time-outs, and between periods when not in conflict with other scheduled events. Bands must receive permission from tournament managers prior to using amplifying devices.

Spectators may not bring audio and related radio equipment into facilities hosting games or meets.

Recorded Music

All audible music used before, during and following a contest must be reviewed and have school administration approval. Lyrics may not be lewd, offensive, or profane and must be appropriate for an educational setting. Recorded music is allowed before and after contests, during warm-ups, between periods or during time-outs. It is not allowed during playing action or brief pauses during playing action (between pitches, plays, assessing penalties/fouls/infractions).

Nonschool facilities such as hockey rinks should be advised about the restrictions on recorded music in advance. It is understood that State events may have separate and/or different restrictions on noisemakers and recorded music.

Banners and Signs

For indoor events, temporary banners are allowed, with some restrictions. Banners and signs must be hand held and stationary. These banners may NOT have offensive language, be used to disrupt players or officials, interfere with spectators' view, used in an inappropriate manner, or be carried around the facility during an event. Banners of the host school are allowed, such as those hanging in a gymnasium depicting conference schools, sportsmanship themes, current team member recognition, or with welcoming messages. At outdoor tournament events, banners may be displayed and/or hung with the approval of the tournament manager.

Shakers and pennants for spectators, cheerleaders and pom pom squads are allowed, even if attached to wooden/plastic sticks. "Homer hankies," towels, "hands" with "No. 1 fingers" are permitted but are subject to the following restrictions: 1) They may contain no printing except school name, team nickname and/or school mascot; 2) Tournament and meet managers have the authority to prohibit items if they are deemed to cause crowd control problems.

Dress

All spectators are required to dress appropriately.

Noisemakers

Air horns, vuvuzela horns, whistles, and devices that simulate gunfire are not allowed (cannons, cap pistols, etc.). The WIAA Tournament Series policy on noisemakers is in accordance with NFHS rules. Please refer to NFHS sport Rule Books for sport regulations on noisemakers. Tournament and meet managers have the authority to prohibit noisemakers if they are deemed to cause crowd control problems.

Laser Pens

Laser pens are prohibited at all WIAA regular season and tournament contests. Violators shall be removed from the contest and laser pen(s) confiscated.

Photo/Video/Audio

Any non-editorial, commercial or other unauthorized use of any transmission, internet stream, photo, image, film, videotape, audio tape, play-by-play depiction, or description of any competition and/or game action; and/or any non-editorial or commercial use of any team school name or logo is strictly prohibited without written consent of the WIAA.

A license to commercialize on the sale of images captured or transmissions originated at WIAA regional and sectional tournament events, or levels 1-4 for football, may be purchased and granted through the WIAA executive office. Commercialization and/or sale of images taken, or transmissions originated at the WIAA State Tournaments, is strictly prohibited without written consent of the WIAA.

Spectators are permitted to take photos for personal, non-commercial purposes and to record audio and/or video for personal, non-commercial and/or non-transmittable purposes.

Spectators attending WIAA State Tournament events may also be subject to restrictions on the electronic devices, sizes of cameras and/or camera lenses according to venue policies.

School Video Taping/Photographers

Spectators are allowed to use hand held "camcorders" from their seats. Tripods and power cables are not allowed. Tournament managers may designate areas from which school photographers may videotape if space is available. Any commercial use of video is prohibited without written consent of the WIAA Executive Staff.

Cheerleading Guidelines

Shakers and pennants for spectators, cheerleaders and pom pom squads are allowed, even if attached to wooden/plastic sticks. "Homer hankies", towels, and "hands" with "No. 1 fingers" are permitted but are subject to the following restrictions: 1) They may contain no printing except school name, team nickname and/or school mascot; 2) Tournament and meet managers have the authority to prohibit them if they cause crowd control problems.

Only organized and authorized cheerleaders will be permitted to lead their cheering sections. No maximum number of cheerleaders is designated but the number should not exceed a reasonable total. Schools will be prohibited from using cheers which, in the judgment of the tournament manager, ridicule or taunt an opponent or are otherwise in bad taste. Mascots which are offensive in nature and appearance are not allowed and will be asked to leave at the discretion of the tournament manager.

Each school through its administrator is responsible for the nature of cheers. Cheerleaders can be helpful for the purpose of assisting in efforts to promote good crowd behavior. Cheerleaders and others (including spectators) may not engage in such activities as dunking the basketball, dancing on the floor during breaks in play, etc. Tournament managers will decide if "break-through hoops" will be allowed.

For reasons of safety, the following provision applies at all levels of tournament competition:

a. Mini-trampolines, other rebounding devices, and related pieces of equipment are prohibited.

b. The use of pyramids/mounts is restricted as follows: All individuals in the pyramid/mount who are not in contact with the cheering surface must be supported by one or more individuals who are in direct weight bearing contact with the cheering surface (base).

Prohibited Activities/Materials

* Rushing the playing surface during or immediately following a contest. Incidents are required to be reported to the WIAA by the host school.
* Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or illegal substances may not be available or present at high school events.
* Lotteries, drawings, raffles, or contests at WIAA Tournament events.
* Confetti
* Face masks other than those covering nose and mouth for health and personal protection
* Body paint, other than on the face, is not allowed at WIAA State Tournaments where prohibited by venue policy.
* Laser pens at all WIAA regular season and tournament contests. Violators shall be removed from the contest and laser pen(s) confiscated.
* No fundraisers may be based on individual and/or team performance in competition and/or on the outcome of competition.
* Campaigns (including but not limited to political campaigns, solicitations, petitions, etc.) and campaign materials.

Spectator Conduct Statement

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association objects to the use of activities, materials, logos, apparel, mascots, or gestures that are profane, vulgar, insulting, or offensive to others. The membership disapproves of any form of taunting or expression that is intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule, disrespect, or demean others under any circumstances including on the basis of race, religion, gender, or national origin.

WIAA Tournament Harassment Policies & Procedures:

On those occasions where racial, ethnic or gender harassment is alleged to have occurred, the WIAA member's response shall be informed by the following expectations and beliefs:

a. Education-based athletics are an extension of the classroom. If language or behaviors would not be tolerated in the classroom they are equally inappropriate on the field, court, or in the stands.

b. The membership of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association objects to the use of activities, materials, logos, apparel, mascots, or gestures that are profane, vulgar, insulting, or offensive to others. The membership disapproves of any form of taunting or expression that is intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule, disrespect, or demean others under any circumstances including on the basis of race, religion, gender, or national origin.

c. Interscholastic athletics must be maintained on a moral and educational platform. Every student athlete must be able to compete in a climate of respect, free of threat, free of fear, intimidation, and harassment.

Harassment is behavior aimed at a person's sex, race, religion, creed, age, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or disability that substantially interferes with a students' school performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive school environment. Harassment may be verbal, non-verbal, or physical acts during athletic competitions.

When contest officials witness an act of harassment it shall be penalized by an immediate ejection of the violator(s). When a contest participant is subjected to harassment and contest officials do not witness the act – the affected participant shall immediately:

a. Report the incident to his or her coach. Athletes should be coached to be as detailed and specific in providing information as they can be.

b. The coach will report the incident to a contest official. (uncharged time out)

c. The official will stop play and inform the Contest Manager and the opposing coach of the allegation. Play will not be resumed until an offender, if identified, is ejected and removed. If unable to identify the offender, the game will not resume until event security and supervision is reassigned to the area of concern. Contest managers, along with event security and supervision and contest officials are expected to rigorously enforce this harassment policy and will be especially alert for repetition of the alleged incident.

d. Coaches notified of allegations will immediately counsel all squad members of the allegation and take appropriate steps to prevent any future incident.

e. Refer to Bylaws – Article X – Game Control on page 27.

Sportsmanship Disciplinary Policy

In June of 1997, the WIAA Board of Control approved a Sportsmanship Committee recommendation that a disciplinary procedure be in place for schools that have chronic sportsmanship problems. In 2008, the Board modified the disciplinary procedure. For multiple or egregious player or coach ejections due to unsportsmanlike conduct in a specific season; for egregious or multiple reported incidents of fan/spectator misconduct taking place on school property or the contest facility; or for reports involving attacks on spectator buses or officials vehicles, the committee recommends the WIAA invoke the following penalty procedure:

1. Require offending school to submit a written report within two weeks on steps they intend to take to resolve problems and improve as well as correct the conduct of the coach and/or athlete or spectator group involved. The report must meet the satisfaction of the WIAA Executive Staff.

2. Require offending school's district administrator, principal, and athletic director to meet with the Executive Staff at the WIAA office to identify steps they intend to take to resolve problems and improve as well as correct the conduct of the coach and/or athlete or spectator group involved. The report may involve disciplinary action and must meet the satisfaction of the WIAA Executive Staff.

3. Schools who have multiple or egregious incidents of coach/athlete ejections and/or spectator misconduct in a specific sport will have that program placed on one year's probation.

4. Subsequent violations during the probationary period will result in the loss of hosting privileges in the specific sport.

5. Additional violations will result in suspension of tournament eligibility for the offending school in the specific sport for one year.

Appendix H

Required Number of Officials for Contests

A function of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association is the licensing of game officials for interscholastic competition as stipulated in its CONSTITUTION under Powers and Duties of the Board of Control as follows:

The Board of Control shall license game officials for interscholastic competition, and the Board shall have the authority to determine qualifications, procedure for advancement and conditions for revocation, suspension or probation of license.

Member schools of this Association are required to use only WIAA licensed sport officials as stipulated under Article IX - Officials Qualifications in the BYLAWS as follows:

A school shall use only persons licensed with the Association for purposes of officiating interscholastic contests – varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshman and junior high/middle level school (Grades 6-8). The following number of licensed officials (as noted in parenthesis) are required for each sport.

Baseball (2) – Umpires (Three-person crews are acceptable. Three-person crews will be used at sectionals. Four-person crews are used at State.) For junior high/middle level one licensed official is required but two are recommended. Note: Schools cannot use unlicensed individuals as their second official.

Basketball (2) – Referee and Umpire (Three-person crews are acceptable. Three-person crews will be used at regionals, sectionals and State tournament games.)

Cross Country (1) – Referee-Starter (Two are recommended for all interscholastic competition.)

Football – Regular Season (4): Referee, Umpire, Linesman, and Line Judge. Playoffs (5): Referee, Umpire, Linesman, Line Judge, and Back Judge. Note: For interscholastic competition other than senior high varsity games, only three officials are required (four are recommended). Five-person crews are acceptable.

Gymnastics – Judges (2): Per event - Varsity. Judges (1): Per event - Junior Varsity

Hockey (3) – Referee, Assistant Referee, and Linesman - at all levels of competition.

Lacrosse (2) – Two licensed officials are required for all levels. (Boys – Referee and Umpire/Girls - Officials). Three licensed officials are recommended for varsity competitions (Boys – Referee, Umpire and Field Judge/Girls – Officials). Three person crews will be used at the State Tournament.

Soccer (3) – Head Referee and Assistant Referee (2) required for all varsity (non conference and conference) duals. Note: Two officials are acceptable for varsity multi-school tournaments and sub varsity contests. In emergency situations, one licensed WIAA official and two volunteers may be used to officiate sub varsity games. 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.

Softball (2) – Umpires - (Three-person crews are acceptable. Three-person crews will be used at the state tournament and sectional semifinal and championship games.) For junior high/middle level one licensed official is required but two are recommended. Note: Schools cannot use unlicensed individuals as their second official.

Swimming and Diving (2) – Referee and Starter. Diving - Championship Meets (2). Diving - Non-Championship Meets (1).

Track and Field (2) – Field Referee and Starter

Volleyball (2) – R1 and R2 - Note: For interscholastic competition other than senior high varsity games, only one licensed official is required (two are recommended).

Wrestling (1) – Referee

Middle level/junior high members are required to use the number of game officials as noted above in all competitions unless otherwise noted.

Contracts engaging services of officials (available on WIAA website) must be executed by an officially designated representative of the schools for ALL interscholastic competition at ALL levels of competition. Contracts are required for Association sponsored tournament competition as well as all other types of interscholastic activity.

WIAA member schools and officials are reminded that games/meets should not be started at any level of competition without the required number of officials. Schools and officials expose themselves to potential problems as well as WIAA disciplinary action if a game/meet starts with less than the number of officials required. If an official becomes incapacitated after a game/meet begins, the school is expected to attempt to fill the position with another licensed official.

Purpose of Licensure

1. It is the purpose of this Association, in its program of licensing officials, to advance the best interest of interscholastic competition by:
   a. Aiding officials in acquiring a thorough knowledge of playing rules in all sports.
   b. Promoting uniformity in the mechanics of officiating.
   c. Encouraging competent young officials to replace retiring officials.
   d. Establishing classifications for officials.
2. A thorough knowledge of playing rules and an ability to interpret these rules will be regarded by this Association as a primary requirement of all officials. To help implement this requirement, this Association conducts sport meetings or offers online video presentations. The official is required to attend a sport meeting in sports in which they are conducted for the purpose of keeping informed of rules changes and new interpretations as well as general review of all rules and regulations. If no sport meeting is offered officials are required to watch an online video. All officials are required to take a written examination(s) for those sports in which they are offered.
3. A thorough knowledge of the mechanics of officiating is imperative for a properly officiated contest.
4. Dedication to high-professional standards as developed by tradition and through practice will be regarded by this Association as highly desirable on the part of officials. A proper attitude toward the avocation of officiating will contribute toward the total value of the interscholastic program.
5. The WIAA encourages the formation of local officials associations. All officials are encouraged to become active members of such associations.

Licensure Procedures

1. Options for completing licensing application are as follows:

   Option 1: Online licensing

   Under the OFFICIALS tab on the red menu bar, please choose Online Registration. Select the option to renew your license, existing/returning WIAA officials will login with your current login information. Proceed from there and follow the prompts. Your name and address

must match that which is found on your credit card statement in order for the transaction to process properly. New WIAA officials will click on the License Now button to register.

Option 2: Call the WIAA office and license over the phone 715-344-8580.

2. Officiating license is valid from August 1 through July 31.
3. Local Athletic Directors are able to register individuals in high school. High school students may apply for licensing and officiate contests up to and including the 9th grade level. High school students, classified as Limited/Restricted (L/R), are allowed to officiate:
   a. WIAA contests up to and including the 9th grade level.
   b. Sub Varsity contest in all sports except hockey, as long as they are assigned with a fully licensed non-high school student official.
   c. In soccer, may work varsity contests as an AR.

   Note: After two years' experience as a L/R official there is opportunity for advancement to L2 upon high school graduation with verification.
4. The basic fee for each licensed official (no fees charged to high school students) will be $35. A $15 sport fee will be assessed for each sport for which you elect to be licensed.
5. Registration windows for sports officials are:
   a. May 1 – June 30
   b. September 15-30
   c. January 1-15

   Registration completed outside of the listed windows will incur a $30 processing fee. Officials are highly encouraged to register during the May 1 - June 30 window each year. The majority of competitions are contracted by the AD's and assignors during the summer months. More opportunities will be available for those who register during this window.
6. Completion of your application will result in:
   a. Your name is being placed in the WIAA online Officials Directory.
   b. Prior to each sport season for which you are licensed, you will receive appropriate rules books, case books, and officials manuals (when published). Simplified and illustrated books are included in a few sports, and they may be purchased from the WIAA at an additional charge.
   c. Official licenses expire on July 31.
7. By applying for a license to officiate WIAA athletic contests, the applicant acknowledges that he/she is performing duties as an independent contractor and not as an employee of the school or of the WIAA when officiating contests authorized by the issuance of this license.

Classification System

1. Officials have two requirements each year. The completion of these requirements will have a positive effect on an official's classification.

   Requirements:
   a. Watch the rules video by the listed deadline.
   b. Complete the rules exam(s) by the listed deadline.

   The online rules video is posted prior to the sports season, and contains information on WIAA rules and regulations, as well as covers all new NFHS rules. Officials must watch the entire video each year by the deadline, in order to receive credit. Once the video is completed, credit will be placed on the official's profile.

   The online rules exams should be taken AFTER watching the rules video, and must be completed by the indicated deadline each year. As classification levels rise, the required score on the rules exam increases. (See below for specific information on required test scores for each classification.)

   Note: It is the responsibility of the official to save copies of the certificate(s) of completion.
2. Officials may advance one level in classification each year if all requirements for the next level are met.

   Note: L0, L1, L2 and L3 officials will be allowed to advance two levels in classification per sport, per year, when credited for attending a WIAA approved officiating camp/clinic or by completing a NFHS officials training video for the sport(s) official is licensed in. Officials must meet all the criteria for the new level (maximum one clinic or video per sport/year). Note: Clinic attendance or training video viewing does not eliminate the WIAA rules video requirement. L4, L5 and Master officials attending a WIAA approved clinic, conducting a WIAA approved clinic or viewing a NFHS training video will be given credit for one varsity contest on their Schedule of Games. The change in classification occurs the following year during the July rollover.
3. Officials will maintain their current classification level for any of the following reasons (will not advance):
   a. Miss the deadline for submitting Part I or Part II (if applicable) exam.
   b. Did not achieve the required exam score for the next level but did achieve the necessary score to maintain their current level.
   c. Did not have the required number of regular season varsity contests for the next level but did have the required number of regular season varsity contests to maintain their current level.
   d. Submitted their varsity schedule late but did achieve the necessary number of regular season varsity contests to maintain their current level.
4. Officials will drop in classification for any of the following reasons:
   a. Did not watch WIAA rules video in the sport(s) in which he/she is licensed.
   b. Did not submit Part I or Part II (if applicable) exam.
   c. Did not work the required number of regular season varsity contests for the L5 classification level.

d. A Master official did not achieve the required Part I and Part II (if applicable) exam score and/or did not have the required number of regular season varsity contests for the Master level.

e. Repetitive violation of requirements listed in No. 3.

5. An official's classification level will drop one level, in a given sport, for each year they are not licensed.

Appendix I

Coaches' Education

WIAA REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHES NOT LICENSED TO TEACH (CNLTs)

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) has approved the American Sport Education Program (ASEP) Coaching Principles and Sport First Aid Courses and also the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Fundamentals of Coaching and First Aid, Health and Safety for Coaches to meet the educational requirement for Coaches Not Licensed to Teach (CNLTs). This requirement became effective with the 1994-95 school year and requires CNLTs to successfully complete an approved coaches' education program prior to coaching during a second school year.

The following do not have to take an approved course:

A student teacher while student teaching.

An individual with an administrator's or counselor's license.

Guest lecturers (one time appearance).

Individuals with a coaching degree or similar course completion. Transcripts must be provided to WIAA with a request to waive the fundamentals of coaching course.

The following must take an approved course before they can coach a second year:

Anyone that does not fit one of the above listed categories.

Anyone that does not have a current license to teach in Wisconsin.

The following conditions do not exempt a person from the requirement:

Holding a license to teach that has expired.

Being a volunteer.

Being unpaid.

Being an occasional, but regularly scheduled lecturer or demonstrator.

Having been a student teacher but is no longer officially in that capacity.

Being a nonvarsity coach.

Being an assistant coach.

WIAA REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL PAID COACHES

All paid coaches shall be certified and will maintain certification in First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification, and AED operation.

Appendix J

Policy for UAVs at WIAA Tournament Series Events

Policy for Unmanned Aircrafts at WIAA Tournament Series Events

The WIAA policy for unmanned aircrafts systems (UAS) or drones focuses on public safety and the facilitation of event planning and administration and defines requirements for their use during Tournament Series events.

The use of UAS for any purpose at WIAA State Tournament Series may be permitted at WIAA outdoor events only, provided the following conditions and requirements are satisfied:

A. A formal written request to operate a UAS must be submitted to the WIAA executive office via email at least 24 business hours in advance of a Tournament Series event. Operation is only permitted upon receipt of written approval from the WIAA Executive Office and the host facility's event management.

B. Drone operation at WIAA Tournament Series events must comply with FAA Part 107 requirements and Remote Pilot in Command (RPIC), must hold a current FAA Part 107 License subject to the following restrictions:

1. Must maintain line of sight at all times during operation
2. Prohibited from flying in restricted areas and over playing surfaces, seating and spectator areas where and when people are present, as well as event parking areas where and when people and vehicles are present.
3. UAS must weigh less than 55 pounds
4. Must not fly higher than 400 feet.
5. No interference with any manned aircraft
6. Operation outside of Class G airspace requires documented FAA authorization.

C. All UAS operators must execute a hold-harmless agreement indemnifying the WIAA and the event facility owners/operators against any claims of injury or property damage. Operators must also provide proof of liability insurance with minimum coverage of $1 million per occurrence, naming the WIAA and the host institution as additional insureds.

D. UAS operators must comply with all applicable privacy laws. The use of UAS to capture, transmit or record images in areas where individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy–such as restrooms, locker rooms, residences and medical areas–is strictly prohibited. Violations may result in criminal penalties under Wis. Stat. § 942.10.

Operators must acknowledge, with written signature, the inherent risks associated with drone use, including personal injury, property damage and equipment failure due to environmental conditions or human error.

_____ _____

Name Date

Tournament host managers shall deny entry, suspend competition and coordinate with law enforcement or security personnel to remove any unauthorized UAS equipment. Confiscated equipment may be retained until a formal review is conducted by the WIAA.

Failure to follow this policy may result in WIAA sanctions, as well as local, state and federal penalties if applicable.

This policy will be updated as deemed necessary to reflect changes in WIAA administrative policies, as well as federal, state and local regulations.

Drone requirement checklist at WIAA Tournaments:

- ❑ Remote Pilot in Command (RPIC), Part 107 License
- ❑ Aircraft registration and markings
- ❑ WIAA executive staff approval
- ❑ Venue host administration approval
- ❑ Proof of insurance as required by this policy
- ❑ Authorization for operations within applicable class airspaces

* *Any unauthorized use of any transmission, internet stream, photo, image, film, videotape, audio tape, play-by-play depiction or description of any competition and/or game action is prohibited without written consent of the WIAA. All "Real-time," or tape-delayed video transmission is exclusive property of the WIAA and rights-granted entities. Any account/transmission of real-time video is prohibited on-site or off-site without consent of the WIAA.*

Appendix K

Audio/Text Transmission Policies

WIAA radio policies relate to transmissions during the WIAA State Tournament Series. There is no WIAA jurisdiction over regular season audio and/or text transmissions of high school interscholastic competition; however, school administrators are strongly encouraged to prohibit sponsors of transmissions whose primary business is the sale of tobacco, alcohol, lottery/gambling, mood-altering substances or lewd subject matter. Stations or websites streaming audio or video on the internet must abide by all internet policies and fees.

To apply for play-by-play audio transmission and live report rights for regional and sectional events, radio stations must complete the "Audio Transmission Application," available online in the restricted media area of the WIAA website. Completed applications for transmission with station manager acknowledgment must be provided to the tournament site and the WIAA in advance of the first game of a given tournament. Host managers must receive approval from the WIAA to reject any applications to audio transmit. Stations are required to contact host tournament managers to notify of their intentions to audio transmit any contest(s) during a regional or sectional and make arrangements for entry access. Host managers are expected to furnish free admission for two working persons.

By submitting the application for transmission, media and internet sites agree to abide by all WIAA regulations and policies regarding the transmission of events during the entire WIAA Tournament Series, including the prohibitions on advertising and sponsorships as described in the advertising of information in the next paragraph.

The WIAA reserves the right to approve or reject any sponsorship or advertisement in violation of these policies. For any part or segment of an entire transmission originating from the tournament site, the WIAA strictly prohibits the sponsorship, advertising, selling, encouraging, promoting or condoning of tobacco products, lottery/gambling, alcoholic beverages, mood-altering substances, lewd subject matter, activities that are illegal for minors to engage in, conduct in violation of WIAA's Sportsmanship Reference Guide and eligibility regulations, or conduct that people of ordinary intelligence would reasonably understand to be inappropriate in the context of interscholastic athletic competition. Businesses with the primary purpose of selling or providing any of these prohibited products or services are also prohibited from advertising on all transmissions throughout the WIAA State Tournament Series. Businesses in which these products or services are available in a secondary capacity may advertise on WIAA Tournament transmissions for their primary business purposes but may not refer to or advertise those secondary products or services. The WIAA also prohibits the reading of a list that includes prohibited advertisers or sponsors, including the name and/or locations of businesses, products, or services on any WIAA Tournament transmission.

Stations and websites must make arrangements with tournament hosts to pay the transmission rights fee at the tournament site the date of the contest. The fee is to be paid whether or not the station or website originates a transmission. There is no fee for pre-State live report updates provided no play-by-play is done. Pre-State host tournament managers are authorized to refund fees if the station or website has a legitimate reason for not being able to transmit after they planned to do so and/or indicated to the manager in advance it will not be transmitting if the school it is following is eliminated from the tournament.

A "transmission" is defined as the transmitting–or intent of transmitting– of any live or taped portion, or entire duration of tournament games or complete session of games from the time the transmission begins to the time the transmission ends at the tournament site. This definition includes halftime, between games of a session, immediately before and after a tournament game or session, and during intermission stops and timeouts.

Internet blogs, forums, tweets and other text depictions or references are permitted and are not subject to rights fees unless they qualify as play-by-play or are not in compliance with the media policies of the WIAA. Play-by-play accounts of WIAA Tournament Series events via text are subject to text transmission rights fees.

Play-by-play is detailed regular entries or description of the sports events as they are happening, or of the actual action as it occurs, including the continuous sequential detailed description of play, of events, or other material such as graphics or video regarding any WIAA tournament game or event, so that it approximates a video or audio transmission that allows the recipient to experience the game or event as it occurs.

Transmissions may not begin sooner than three hours after the start time of the game or meet to be classified as a retransmission or tape-delayed transmission.

The WIAA reserves the right to require two minutes of advertising or promotional inventory to be included in any or all audio transmissions of WIAA Tournament Series events.

Transmission Fees

Audio/Text Transmissions	Regional/Sectional Fees	State Fees
Live or delayed audio transmission	$50	$100
Stations receiving live audio feed from originating transmission	$50	$100
Live transmission of play-by-play text	$20	$ 30
Websites receiving live play-by-play text from originating transmission	$20	$ 30
Live Audio Report "Updates"	- -	$ 25

State fees reflected are per game (per day for individual wrestling). Radio transmissions simultaneously streaming the same event on its internet site does not pay additional fee. Rights fees are independent of any telephone line charges covered in the Phone Line Access sections. Pre-State wrestling fees indicated covers entire regional or sectional. Transmission rights fees are applicable for stations or websites that pick-up live or delayed transmissions or links from another station or website.

Appendix L

Licensing and Royalty Policy

The name, emblem and/or logos of the WIAA are registered service marks with the U.S. Patent Office and are protected from unlawful use for the benefit of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association and its member schools.

Any use of the WIAA emblem and logos shall obligate a vendor doing business with the WIAA or with a WIAA member school to adhere to WIAA licensing policy. For royalty and licensing fees information, contact the WIAA in connection with any commercial or noncommercial venture using WIAA marks on any merchandise and/or apparel, or with any promotion or service.

By virtue of membership in the WIAA, any member school assigned a WIAA Tournament Series event on the regional, sectional or State level shall be authorized by the Association with respect to use of any or all WIAA service marks subject to the following terms and conditions of this policy.

1. WIAA member schools may only contract with WIAA-licensed vendors to produce any items commercial or noncommercial merchandise and/or apparel, or with any promotion or service displaying the WIAA name and/or logos. Vendors without license to use WIAA marks must contact the WIAA for royalty and license fee information.
    a. Member schools are permitted and encouraged to use the WIAA name and/or logo. No approval from the WIAA is required for use of the WIAA logo in internally produced printed publications and on painted playing surfaces, facility walls, or permanent structures.
    b. Member schools may not authorize an unlicensed vendor to use the WIAA name and/or logos.
2. Adherence to the WIAA licensing policy, including royalties and fees, for all agreements/contracts between member schools and outside vendors for products or merchandise received in the agreement are the responsibility of the member school arranging the agreement. The WIAA retains the right to require submission, upon request, of samples of any product for the purpose of licensing compliance and quality control.
3. Any use of the WIAA name, emblem and/or logos on all merchandise and apparel, including–but not limited to–patches, shirts, sweatshirts, hats, shorts, pants, towels, artifacts, souvenirs, equipment, official/umpire gear and apparel, spectator/business giveaways and promotions–require licensing with the WIAA to produce and distribute. Contact the WIAA for royalty and licensing information.
4. Licensing fees apply for any item of apparel or merchandise that is purchased with the intent for resale or as promotional giveaway displaying the WIAA marks or WIAA Tournament Series branding. No fee is applied for items not intended for resale or promotional giveaways.
5. For printed materials, no licensing fee is required for a vendor or manufacturer working with a member school to produce products or services intended for the school's promotion and dissemination of WIAA information, services or brand.
6. Upon approval of the WIAA executive staff, a license and fee are not required for items and apparel produced by a member school or an association partner as a service to the WIAA, which are not intended for resale or branded with sponsored promotion.

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Media may use the WIAA name, emblem, and/or logos as part of its news coverage of WIAA events in publications, video, brochure, advertisement, commercial, etc., relating to its coverage of the WIAA only. Permission from the WIAA is not required and the terms of this policy do not apply. However, the use of any WIAA name, emblem, and/or logo on any merchandise, service, or promotional items created and distributed in connection with the coverage, and/or the sale of any service, image/photos, apparel, or merchandise is subject to the licensure policy. Contact the WIAA for royalty and licensing information.

The enforcement of this policy shall be with each member school in conjunction with the WIAA. The collection of revenue required pursuant of this policy shall be the responsibility of the entities arranging the actual production and distribution of any merchandise, apparel, or service. All contracts or agreements with vendors, manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors of merchandise, apparel, or service shall incorporate and adhere to WIAA licensing policies and may include requiring/disclosing accounting of revenues and expenses to the WIAA. The WIAA retains the right to enforce this policy for itself or any member school at any or all events upon it discretion.

Appendix M

Video Transmission Policies

WIAA video transmission (broadcast, cable, web stream, etc.) policies relate to video transmissions during the WIAA State Tournament Series. There is no WIAA jurisdiction over regular season live or taped-delayed video transmissions of high school interscholastic competition. It is strongly recommended that school administrators not allow sponsors or advertisers on commercial video transmissions containing any sponsorships or advertising for businesses whose primary business is the selling of products prohibited by WIAA (tobacco, alcoholic beverages, lottery, gambling, mood-altering substances, and lewd subject matter) advertising policies. No fees for regular-season transmissions are required by the WIAA, but local schools and participating teams may wish to require a fee to recover expenses incurred (i.e. power, scaffolding, seats lost due to camera positions, tickets sales lost by spectators staying home and watching, etc.). Television stations, cable stations, and websites considering transmitting audio or video on the internet must abide by all Internet policies as written in the Media Reference Guide.

Pre-State Tournament Series accommodations for working television, cable or website personnel, cameras and other equipment involved in video transmission production is the responsibility of the host tournament manager, provided the television stations, cable operators, or websites receive permission to transmit in advance from the WIAA and the NFHS Network. Stations/cable/website operators must contact the WIAA and the NFHS Network to determine if a live or taped transmission will be permitted.

Video production and distribution rights for WIAA State Tournament and State Tournament Series events are exclusively held by the WIAA and its video production partners.

All parties interested in the production and distribution of any pre-State Tournament Series events are required to obtain permission and clearance from the WIAA/NFHS Network.

Production and distribution rights include, and are not limited to, live or delayed television through network or cable outlets, video on demand and content streaming through any platform and physical media. Detailed information regarding policies and fees are available in the Media Policies Reference Guide or upon request from the WIAA or the NFHS Network.

Summary and Contact Information

Event
All Pre-State Tournament Series Events
(Regional & Sectional events for all sports and State quarterfinals and semifinals except in boys and girls basketball)

Boys & Girls Basketball Tournaments and
Boys & Girls State Hockey Championship Finals
Spring Baseball, Boys & Girls Soccer, Softball, Football
Girls & Boys Volleyball and Individual Wrestling Championship Finals

Digital & Linear Rights Holder Contact Information
Tim Knoeck, Rush Media
501 Moravian Valley Rd., Waunakee, WI 53597
Phone: (608) 850-7411, ext. 201

WKOW-TV
5727 Tokay Blvd., Madison, WI 53719
Phone: (608) 274-1234

The WIAA reserves the right to revoke or deny present and future transmission rights of any television stations, cable operators, or websites not adhering to WIAA policies or rights fees stated in the Media Policies Reference Guide.

A tape-delayed transmission is prohibited from airing until three hours after the start of the respective event being transmitted on a tape-delayed basis. No taped-delayed transmission of any WIAA State Tournament event is permitted during the exclusive live coverage of the WIAA State Tournament in the same sport.

The following list of rules apply for commercial television stations and websites using video in their coverage of the WIAA State Tournament Series for newscast or webcast purposes:

a. There may not be live coverage of any live game action during the contests. "Live coverage" is defined as any activity which occurs while a game or meet is in progress. Stations or websites may use a backdrop of live action for reports from a tournament facility provided there is no play-by-play commentary and the report is limited to regularly scheduled news or sports programs and are no more than two minutes of a program which is any length.

b. Use of film, video, audio, tape, etc., is limited to regularly scheduled news, sports programs or Internet site stories, and use of such content is limited to no more than two minutes of a web stream or program which is any length. Unless written approval is granted from the WIAA office, use of more than two minutes of film, video, audio, tape, or stream, etc., beyond five days from the last day of a tournament is prohibited without written consent of the WIAA.

Appendix N

Competitive Balance

Overview of the Process (all sports except football, swimming & diving, track & field)

1. Enrollment
2. Classification committee considers requests for placement (up or down)
3. Tournament Performance Factor Applied
4. Divisional placement released
5. Schools that were moved up based on performance factor can appeal to the classification committee
6. Classification committee considers appeals
7. Divisional placement finalized

Overview of the Process (football only)

1. Tournament Performance Factor Applied
2. Divisional promotion released to schools that would be moved up
3. Schools that are moved up based on performance factor can appeal to the classification committee
4. Classification committee considers appeals
5. Divisional placement finalized using qualifying schools enrollment, tournament performance factor application, and classification committees' appeal decisions

Tournament Classification Procedure

1. Enrollment numbers will be submitted by schools to the WIAA per procedures outlined in WIAA Constitution, Article III, Section 3A & 3B.
2. Each school may submit a **request** to WIAA indicating the classification (division) in which the school wishes to compete in each sport by the established deadlines. A school failing to meet the designated deadline will not be permitted to request a classification other than the one assigned by the WIAA. **Note: Football may not request down.** The classification committee will consider the following factors:
   a. Prior year out-of-building student percentage on rosters or historical movement of student athletes
   b. Socioeconomics of the school's population
   c. Demographics of the school's population
   d. Competitive history and balance
   e. Geography
   f. School's enrollment trend
   g. Student participation rate in WIAA-sponsored activities
   h. Student enrollment factors (i.e open enrollment, students from outside your school's location)
3. The tournament performance factor will be calculated after each season and applied on a sport by sport basis. **Note: Track & Field & Swim & Dive will continue to use only enrollment.**
   a. The tournament performance factor will be a three-year cumulative total of no less than six points per division.
   b. Teams that have accumulated six or more tournament performance factor points will be promoted to the next highest division from the previous year. No team will be moved more than one division per year.
   c. If tournament performance factor points total over the previous three years falls below the six points in all divisions, promoted teams will move down a division, unless the school enrollment places them in the higher division, per tournament regulations for that sport.
   d. Cooperative Teams
      1) When a new co-op forms, the co-op will receive a point total equal to the combined total of all schools in the co-op.
      2) When a co-op breaks up the points stay with both schools.
   e. Calculating the tournament performance factor:
      1) Points will be cumulative for a three-year period. (The inaugural point total will be calculated beginning with the 2021-22 school year)
      2) Points will be awarded based upon the following system.
         (a) The points earned are those assigned to the highest level of tournament success, not a cumulative total of points. The maximum points a team can earn in a given season is four (4) points.

      <u>Bracketed Sports</u>

      Baseball, Basketball, 11-player Football, Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball, Wrestling

         (a) 1 point for advancing to the state quarterfinal, sectional final or Level 3 11-player FB, (final 8 teams)
         (b) 2 points for advancing to the state semifinal (final 4 teams)
         (c) 3 points for advancing to the championship game
         (d) 4 points for winning a state title

Non-bracketed Sports

Cross Country (Boys & Girls)

(a) 1 point for qualifying for the state meet

(b) 2 points for placing 3rd or 4th place at the state meet or for Sectional Champion

(c) 3 points for winning the state runner up

(d) 4 points for winning the state title

Golf (Boys & Girls)

(a) 1 point for qualifying for the state meet

(b) 2 points for placing 3rd or 4th place at the state meet or for Sectional Champion

(c) 3 points for winning the state runner up

(d) 4 points for winning the state title

Gymnastics

(a) 1 point for qualifying for the state meet

(b) 2 points for placing 3rd or 4th place at the state meet or for Sectional Champion

(c) 3 points for winning the state runner up

(d) 4 points for winning the state title

Tennis (Boys & Girls) Division 1

(a) 1 point for Sectional Champion

(b) 2 points for placing 3rd or 4th place at the state meet

(c) 3 points for winning the state runner up

(d) 4 points for winning the state title

Tennis (Boys & Girls) Division 2

(a) 1 point for Sectional runner-up (if schools tie, all schools receive points)

(b) 2 points for Sectional final champion (final 4)

(c) 3 points for winning the state runner up

(d) 4 points for winning a state title

4. After application of the tournament performance factor, divisions will be assigned based upon the season regulations/tournament procedures for that sport.

Note 1: A team cannot be moved down a division due to another team's promotion if the aforementioned team has earned any tournament performance factor points in that division during the previous three years. The next smallest school without tournament performance factor points in that division during the previous three years will be moved down.

Note 2: When a request to move down a division is approved, the next largest school in that lower division will only move up if adding the team moving down requires an additional round to the tournament. Competitive Balance adjustments take precedence over tournament procedures of divisional splits.

Note 3: The previous school year enrollment will be used to break a tie in enrollment.

5. Schools will be allowed to appeal their placement to the classification committee using any/all of the factors below as rationale. A successful appeal requires a favorable vote of a simple majority of classification committee members voting.

a. Competitive history and balance

b. Prior year out-of-building student percentage on rosters or historical movement of student athletes/student enrollment factors (i.e open enrollment, students from outside your school's location)

c. Socioeconomics of the school's population

d. Demographics of the school's population

e. Geography

f. School's enrollment trend

g. Student participation rate in WIAA-sponsored activities

6. All decisions of the classification committee are final.

Classification Committee - Classification Committee - 14 members with a 3-year term/rotation appointed by WIAA staff (starting in 2026-27). An effort will be made to diversify the Classification Committee so that it is representative of the membership.

1 - Athletic Director from each WIAA district

1 - Superintendent or Principal from each WIAA district

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