

## CHANGES MADE IN THE 2016-17 WIAA HANDBOOK AS OF 7/27/16:

References to the goals of the association in each of the philosophy statements was removed.

When possible, references to other rules by number was replaced with the rule title.

**Amend 3.3.6 Member Schools' Compliance with the WIAA Rules - Each member school shall comply with all applicable criteria. A school that fails to do so shall be subject to the violation process.**

**Unethical conduct by a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or a current or former staff member, which includes any individual who performs work for the athletics department even if he or she does not receive compensation for such work, may include, but is not limited to, the following:**

- A. Refusal to furnish information relevant to an investigation of a possible violation of a WIAA regulation when requested to do so by the WIAA or the individual's school;**
- B. Knowing involvement in arranging for fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts for a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete;**
- C. Knowing involvement in offering or providing a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete an improper inducement or extra benefit or improper financial aid;**
- D. Knowingly furnishing or knowingly influencing others to furnish the WIAA or the individual's school false or misleading information concerning an individual's involvement in or knowledge of matters relevant to a possible violation of an WIAA regulation;**
- E. Receipt of benefits by a school staff member for facilitating or arranging a meeting between a student-athlete and an agent, financial advisor or a representative of an agent or advisor (e.g., "runner");**
- F. Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the WIAA, the WIAA Eligibility Committee or a school's admissions office regarding an individual's academic record (e.g., schools attended, completion of coursework, grades and test scores);**
- G. Fraudulence or misconduct in connection with placement examinations;**
- H. Engaging in any athletics competition under an assumed name or with intent to otherwise deceive; or**
- I. Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the WIAA, the WIAA Eligibility Committee or the school's athletics department regarding an individual's amateur status.**

5.2.3 In cases where WIAA District Board(s) are unable to resolve league alignment disputes, these disputes shall be appealed to the District Director's Appeals Board ~~WIAA Executive Board~~ for mediation.

~~7.6.0 A summary of the reactions from the various leagues, WIAA Districts, and committees are to be sent to each WIAA District Director.~~

**8.2.0 TERM OF OFFICE** – Each member shall be elected for a term of three years beginning August 1 during the first year of the term and concluding with the summer meeting during the third year of the term. Board members may be re-elected. Each WIAA District shall determine the means to elect the Executive Board member from that District and members will be elected by the following schedule: Districts 1, 3, 7 in 2017; Districts 4, 5, 6 in 2018; Districts 2, 8, 9 in 2019; and succeeding years in a similar manner. Four at-large members shall be selected in order to provide female, ethnic, position (see 8.3.0), **public and private school membership**, and geographic representation on the Executive Board. Each region will have one at-large representative, with the fourth at-large representative selected from any of the districts by the following schedule: Region A in 2017; Region B and Region C in 2018; and the state-wide at-large representative in 2019. Districts 1 and 2 are represented by Region A; Districts 3 and 4 are represented by Region B; Districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 are represented by Region C; all Districts are represented by the state-wide at-large position.

8.12.9 Appoint a Fact Finder to investigate alleged WIAA rule(s) violations. ~~Refer to Appendix 12, Procedure for WIAA Fact Finding.~~

- ~~10.1.3~~ — No school which is a member of a Federation member state high school association shall compete in any of the following contests, meets or tournaments unless such contest has been approved by each of the interested associations: (a) Any interstate tournament, meet or contest in which four or more schools participate or which involves three or more state high school associations, (b) Any interstate two school contest, meet or tournament which involves a round trip exceeding 600 miles; (c) Any interstate two school contest, meet or tournament (regardless of the distance to be traveled) which is sponsored by an individual or an organization other than a member high school.
- ~~10.1.4~~ — Contests or events between schools, which are not sponsored directly by the school district involved, must have WIAA Executive Board approval. The sponsoring organization shall submit a written application to the WIAA Executive Board at least 90 days prior to the scheduled contest(s) or event(s) for the first two (2) years of the event. Continued approval shall be granted if no negative reports are received by the WIAA after the first two (2) years of the contest/event. Sponsoring organizations must inform WIAA of the contest(s) or event(s) dates each year.
- 11.2.0 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS – **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHEERLEADING OR DANCE/DRILL**
- 12.0.0 **PHILOSOPHY OF CHEERLEADING PROGRAMS:** *The WIAA provides member schools with the opportunity to offer cheerleading as either an activity or as a sport. ~~Article 12.0.0 outlines cheerleading as an activity is outlined in this article; Article 54.0.0 outlines cheerleading as a sport is outlined in the specific sport section.~~*
- ~~12.3.0~~ — **ELIGIBLE STUDENTS** — Refer to Article 11.0.0.
- ~~13.2.0~~ — **ELIGIBLE STUDENTS** — Refer to Article 11.0.0.
- 13.0.0 **PHILOSOPHY OF DANCE/DRILL PROGRAMS:** *The WIAA provides member schools with the opportunity to offer dance/drill as either an activity or as a sport. ~~Article 12.0.0 outlines Dance/drill as an activity is outlined in this article; Article 54.0.0 outlines dance/drill as a sport is outlined in the specific sport section.~~*
- 13.4.3 A school may accept cash and/or any award for participating in a special event if the school authorizes such award (Also refer to the WIAA handbook rules regarding amateur standing) ~~See WIAA Article 18.23.0 Amateur Standing).~~
- ~~14.2.0~~ — **ELIGIBLE STUDENTS** — Refer to Article 11.0.0.
- ~~15.2.0~~ — **ELIGIBLE STUDENTS** — Refer to Article 11.0.0.
- ~~16.1.1~~ — **Limitation of Event** — All interscholastic theatre/drama events of the WIAA inter-district level or higher level will be approved under Article 11.0.0.
- ~~16.3.0~~ — **ELIGIBLE STUDENTS** — Refer to Article 11.0.0.
- 17.5.0 **MIDDLE LEVEL** – Out-of-season for middle level sports shall be from August 1 until the first day of the specific sport turnouts and from the conclusion of the final day of that specific sport season until the conclusion of the middle level spring league schedule, or the final spring school contest in the event the school is not a member of a league in that sport, or the final day of the high school spring state championships, whichever is later.

- 17.5.1 For the purposes of the out-of-season regulations, the WIAA has determined that the following are considered separate and distinct sports **and coaches are allowed to coach in both programs**: slow pitch and fast pitch softball; interscholastic/collegiate/folk style/~~USA Wrestling~~, and freestyle/Greco-Roman wrestling and interscholastic and unified sports teams.
- 17.12.7 Schools may schedule practice **or contests** during any six days of the week for the purpose of meeting the minimum practice requirements.
- 17.12.10 Interruption of Pre-contest Practices - If an individual athlete's pre-contest practice is interrupted, the following procedure will be used to assure that an appropriate period of practice precedes interscholastic competition:
- A. An interruption of up to three (3) consecutive school scheduled practice days will have no effect on the ~~value of~~ previous practice days in determining compliance with pre-contest practice requirements. For example: If an athlete has completed seven (7) days of practice and then did not practice for three (3) consecutive school scheduled practice days, the previous seven (7) days would still count toward the minimum individual practices required before interscholastic competition.
- 17.12.11 Practice Accommodations for Circumstances Beyond the Control of the School - A school/school district must request and be approved by the WIAA office staff to ~~waive~~ **adjust the process to meet** the minimum practice requirements due to circumstances beyond the control of the school (facilities not available, roads impassable, prohibitive weather conditions, teacher strike/walk-out, emergency conditions, etc.)
- 17.24.1 In the event the NFHS rules conflict with any of the provisions of RCW Chapter 49.60, the affected student may ~~file a notice of appeal pursuant to Article 19~~ **request a waiver through the WIAA office.**
- 18.3.2 A student must be on a school's eligibility roster ~~for at least~~ **on or before the 50% date of the regular season** for that sport in order for a student to participate in postseason and state tournament playoffs for a WIAA member school. The 50% rule dates are included in each sports section in the WIAA Handbook.
- 18.5.3 **Private School Education** - A student who is a regular member in a private school **or a charter school** may participate on the interscholastic teams of his/her resident public school if the student resides within the service area of that public school and if the interscholastic activity is unavailable to the student in the private school **or charter school.**
- 18.7.0 **SCHOLARSHIP** - In order to maintain athletic eligibility during the current semester/trimester, the student shall maintain passing grades, or the minimum grade standards as determined by the school district if more restrictive, in a minimum of:
- 3 classes in a 4 period class schedule or the equivalent credits
  - 4 classes in a 5 period class schedule or the equivalent credits
  - 5 classes in a 6 period class schedule or the equivalent credits
  - 6 classes in a 7 period class schedule or the equivalent credits
  - 7 classes in an 8 period class schedule or the equivalent credits
- Class schedule guidelines referenced above shall be the requirement of all full time students at that school.**
- 18.8.0 **PREVIOUS SEMESTER** - The student shall have been in regular attendance as a full-time student as defined in 18.7.0 ~~and 18.7.3~~, in an elementary, intermediate, middle level, or high school during the semester/trimester immediately preceding the semester/trimester in which the contest is held.
- 18.10.3 A student who cannot meet the Residence Rule requirements would be eligible for all interscholastic competition below the varsity level, subject to ~~18.25.3~~ **18.26.3.**

- 18.10.4 Residence Area for private schools **and tribal schools without boundaries** shall be a 50 mile radius from the school address. NOTE: Refer to Article 3.1.1 for status of a private school district.
- 18.11.0 TRANSFERRING STUDENTS - After registering with, attending, or participating with a middle level or high school, students changing enrollment to/from one school district to another school district or from one high school to another high school within a multiple high school district shall be considered transferring students. In order to be eligible for varsity competition, transferring students must meet the transferring student requirements of 18.11.1, 18.11.2, 18.11.3, or be granted a waiver under 18.13.0 and ~~18.25.0~~ **18.26.3**. This section shall also apply to those students receiving home based instruction. NOTE: Refer to Article 3.1.1 for the status of a private school district.
- 18.11.2 H. CHILDREN OF "MISSION/OR KEY AND ESSENTIAL" MILITARY PERSONNEL – A **military service member who is deemed** by the Department of Defense **or the Department of Homeland Security (US Coast Guard)** as "mission/or key and essential" and who is further required to live within the boundaries of the military base, may upon arrival, enroll his/her child(ren) in a school district the family chooses. Such child(ren) shall be considered immediately eligible provided all other WIAA eligibility rules are met. Should the child(ren) change schools, all WIAA eligibility rules, including transfer rules, must be met.
- 18.11.4 A student whose transfer is the result of participation in a one-year cultural or educational exchange experience with another country. ~~Appendix 1 of the WIAA eligibility packet must be submitted to the WIAA District Eligibility Chairperson.~~ **Must file the Cultural Exchange forms with his/her District Eligibility Chairperson.**
- A. A student leaving this country for a one-year international exchange experience shall file a ~~letter~~ **the cultural exchange form** with his/her District Eligibility Chairperson prior to departure and will be eligible at his/her school of origin upon his/her return, provided all other rules of eligibility have been met.
- 18.14.1 Students who do not attend school or who fail to, or are deemed ineligible to participate shall forfeit their eligibility during that period and shall not be provided any additional period of eligibility except as may be provided through the appeal process in Article 19. ~~If additional eligibility is granted as provided through Article 19, under no circumstances will eligibility be extended longer than one (1) additional year beyond the fourth consecutive year of high school (grades 9-12.)~~
- 18.14.3 Additional eligibility shall not be granted if the student has had six (6) years of interscholastic ~~participation~~ **eligibility** after entering or being eligible to enter the seventh grade or four (4) consecutive years of interscholastic ~~participation~~ **eligibility** after entering or being eligible to enter the ninth grade.
- 18.26.2.C. To grant additional eligibility based upon a hardship condition, a student must demonstrate that normal progression towards graduation has been significantly interrupted as a result of a long-confining illness (which can include a learning disability), an injury, or a family hardship, and that the interruption prevented the student from graduating **and participating** in four (4) consecutive years.
- 18.15.0 GENDER IDENTITY PARTICIPATION** - All students should have the opportunity to participate in WIAA activities in a manner that is consistent with their gender identity, irrespective of the gender listed on a student's records. **Should any questions arise whether a student's request to participate in a sex-segregated activity consistent with his or her gender identity is bona fide, a student may seek review of his or her eligibility for participation by working through the procedure set forth below.** Once the student has been granted eligibility to participate in the sport consistent with his/her gender identity, the eligibility is granted for the duration of the student's participation and does not need to be renewed every sports season or school year. All discussion and documentation will be kept confidential, and the proceedings will be sealed unless the student and family make a specific request.

For Additional information on Gender Identity, refer to **APPENDIX 6 the appropriate appendix in the back of the handbook.**

**18.16.0 FIFTH GRADE PARTICIPATION** – Fifth graders may be used to salvage **participate in any** middle level programs **only except football** if the total enrollment of the seventh and eighth grades in a middle school is less than forty (40) **when the enrollment count is taken to determine the high school classification on the first day of the season for that sport.** In that case, the fifth grade students of the school may be permitted to participate **on the in any** seventh and eighth grade **baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball teams program except football for the next two (2) years that season.** If the total enrollment of seventh and eighth grade students in a middle school is greater than forty (40) **when the enrollment count was taken, but drops below forty (40) during the first two (2) weeks of any sports season, the fifth grade students of the school may be permitted to participate on the seventh and eighth grade baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball teams during that specific sports season.**

**18.17.0 SIXTH GRADE PARTICIPATION**- Sixth graders may be used to salvage **participate in any** middle level programs **only except football** if the total enrollment of the seventh and eighth grades in a middle school is less than sixty (60) **when the enrollment count is taken to determine the high school classification on the first day of the season for that sport.** In that case, the sixth grade students of the school may be permitted to participate **on the in any** seventh and eighth grade **baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball teams program except football for the next two (2) years that season.** If the total enrollment of seventh and eighth grade students in a middle school is greater than sixty (60) **when the enrollment count was taken, but drops below sixty (60) during the first two (2) weeks of any sports season, the sixth grade students of the school may be permitted to participate on the seventh and eighth grade baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball teams during that specific sports season.**

**18.19.0 MIDDLE LEVEL PRACTICE WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM**

18.19.1 If a sport is not offered by the middle school, **eighth graders middle level students** may practice with the feeder high school as long as the number of weeks does not exceed the season limitation for middle level in that sport.

18.19.2 If a sport is offered by the middle school, **eighth graders middle level students** may practice with the feeder high school teams during the time period that the seasons run concurrently.

18.19.3 The local school board must assume all responsibility for the middle level students practicing with high school students.

**18.20.0 PARTICIPATION WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM** – **If a sport is not offered by the middle school and pending league support, a 1B or 2B High school with an enrollment equal to or less than one-half of the enrollment in the largest 2B school may use eighth graders for that classification cycle** may allow eighth graders from a WIAA member feeder middle school/junior high to participate in any high school program.

**NOTE: 104 will be enrollment cut-off for the 2016-2020 classification cycle.**

~~18.19.3 PARTICIPATION WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM~~ – ~~If a sport is offered by the middle school and pending league support, a 1B or 2B high school may use eighth grade students from a WIAA member feeder middle school/junior high to salvage viable varsity or junior varsity high school teams in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and/or volleyball.~~

~~A. The school must have a history of offering the sport at that level, and is not beginning a program at any level.~~

~~B. Eighth graders could be used to salvage the high school varsity team if at any time during the season the number of participants on the high school team is at or below these specified numbers.~~

~~Baseball: 16~~

~~Basketball: 9~~

~~Football, 8 man: 14~~

~~Football, 11 man: 19~~

~~Soccer: 12~~

~~Softball: 16~~

~~Volleyball: 11~~

~~C. Eighth graders could be used to salvage the high school junior varsity team if at any time during the season the number of participants on the high school team is at or below these specified numbers.~~

- ~~Baseball: 25~~
- ~~Basketball: 16~~
- ~~Football, 8 man: 22~~
- ~~Football, 11 man: 30~~
- ~~Soccer: 19~~
- ~~Softball: 25~~
- ~~Volleyball: 17~~

~~D. Any and all eligible eighth graders interested in playing at the high school level could practice with the high school junior varsity or varsity teams, but the combined roster for both the junior varsity and the varsity regular season contests would be limited to the specified numbers in 18.19.3.B or C on any given day.~~

#### 18.24.0

**AMATEUR STANDING** - A student who represents a school in an interscholastic sport must be an amateur in that sport. An amateur student-athlete is one who engages in athletics for the physical, mental, social and educational benefits, and to whom athletics is an avocation and not a source of financial reward.

18.24.1 In order to maintain amateur standing in that sport under WIAA jurisdiction, the student-athlete may not:

- A. Accept merchandise or in-kind gifts of more than \$500 in fair market value per sport during any one calendar year August 1 through July 31.
  - 1. Reduced membership fees or reduced user fees from an athletic club, recreation center, golf course, etc., do not count toward this \$500 limit.
  - 2. Defined games of chance are exempt from this rule.
  - 3. Awards that are permitted - Awards to athletic teams or to individual members of such teams under the jurisdiction of the Association may be made by a member school in the form of letters, insignias, certificates, medals, and/or trophies as are customarily emblematic of athletic competition and whose intrinsic values are insignificant
- B. Accept cash awards in that sport.
- C. Enter competition under a false name.
- d. Accept payment of expense allowances over the actual and necessary expenses for the athletic trip (NOTE: Entry fees are not considered a reimbursable expense.)
- E. Play on a college team. A student-athlete may try out and/or participate against a college team but may not represent a college team in that sport.**
- F. Sign or have ever signed a contract to play professional athletics in that sport.
- G. Play or have ever played in a competition ~~on~~ or against any professional team ~~or individual~~ in that sport **or on any team that is under the jurisdiction of a professional sports team or franchise. "Jurisdiction" means that funds from the team or franchise or coaching by any member of the sports team or franchise have been provided.**
- H. By sport receive or have ever received, directly or indirectly, a salary or any other form of financial assistance (including scholarships, educational grants-in-aid, or any of his/her expenses for reporting to or visiting a professional team) from a professional sports organization.
- I. Advertise, recommend or promote a commercial product or service.**

~~18.24.2 A student athlete forfeits any remaining high school eligibility in that sport by competing~~

- ~~A. On a college team~~
- ~~B. On or against a professional team.~~

~~18.24.3 A student athlete may try out and/or participate against a college team but may not represent a college team in that sport.~~

- ~~18.24.4~~ ~~A student athlete may not play on any team that is under the jurisdiction of a professional sports team or franchise. "Jurisdiction" means that funds from the team or franchise or coaching by any member of the sports team or franchise have been provided.~~
- ~~In order to maintain amateur standing in that sport under WIAA jurisdiction, the student athlete may not:~~
- ~~A. Sign or have ever signed a contract to play professional athletics in that sport.~~
- ~~B. Play or have ever played in a competition on any professional team in that sport.~~
- ~~C. By sport receive or have ever received, directly or indirectly, a salary or any other form of financial assistance (including scholarships, educational grants in aid, or any of his/her expenses for reporting to or visiting a professional team) from a professional sports organization.—~~
- 18.24.2 Provided he/she is not representing a WIAA member school, a student-athlete may participate against professional and college scoring athletes in the following sports: bowling, cross country, golf, gymnastics, swim/dive, tennis, track and field, and wrestling.
- 18.24.3 Amateur standing will not be jeopardized by instructing, supervising or officiating in any organized youth sports program, recreation, playground or camp activities whether the student-athlete is paid or not paid for these duties.
- 18.24.4 A WIAA member school may not permit nor authorize the use of an individual student's name and/or picture, a school or school team name and/or picture(s) to directly advertise, recommend or promote a commercial product or service.
- 18.24.5 Use of a Student-Athlete's Name in Advertisements that are Congratulatory in Nature - A business can place its trademark on the advertisement only; the advertisement cannot include a reproduction of the product with which the business is associated.
- ~~18.24.6 AWARDS THAT ARE PERMITTED Awards to athletic teams or to individual members of such teams under the jurisdiction of the Association may be made by a member school in the form of letters, insignias, certificates, medals, and/or trophies as are customarily emblematic of athletic competition and whose intrinsic values are insignificant.~~
- 18.24.6 A student who forfeits amateur status may apply to the Executive Director for reinstatement.
- 18.25.2 An athlete ~~that~~ **who** is found to be in violation of the Legend drugs and controlled substances rule shall have two options.
- 18.26.1 Any waiver of student eligibility regulations shall be based upon extenuating circumstances, beyond the student's, or where applicable, the parents' or legal guardian's control, that are deemed to have significantly influenced or contributed to the cause of the student's non-compliance to the eligibility regulation(s) involved. (The following criteria shall be used to determine if a hardship exists):
- A. A hardship exists only when some unique circumstances concerning the student's physical or emotional status exist and only when such circumstances are not the result of acts or actions by the student or family unit.
- ~~D.~~ B. The burden of providing evidence that a hardship exists shall be borne by the student.
- ~~B.~~ C. The circumstances must be totally different from those that exist for the majority or even a small minority of students (e.g., usual maturation problems or family situations that do not cause severe and abnormal emotional problems, and academic or athletic deficiencies in a school's curriculum or co-curricular activities do not constitute a hardship).
- ~~C.~~ D. There must be no reason to believe that the decision and/or the execution of the decision concerning the student's academic status ~~were was~~ for athletic purposes.
- E. There shall be a direct, causal relationship between the alleged hardship and the student's inability to meet the specific eligibility rule(s).

- 19.13.5 ~~The hearing procedures, as outlined in 25.0.0, shall be followed.~~ The league shall review and either affirm the decision of the principal/designee with the understanding that the one (1) contest suspension shall not be assessed or overrule the decision of the principal/designee, whereby the ejected person shall be required to serve the one (1) contest suspension. Any league action shall be in writing and specify the reasons for the league decision. Failure of a school for any reason to enforce the regulation and/or decision of the league will be considered a school violation.
- 19.14.2 In addition to the above, the District Eligibility Chairperson may appoint a Fact Finder to investigate matters pertaining to the protest. ~~Refer to Appendix 11, Procedures for WIAA Fact Finding.~~

All articles following 19.0.0 have been renumbered in order to be in correct sequence

#### 20.1.0 Q & A EMPLOYEE OF THE DISTRICT

**Q: What is meant by a "season" regarding coaching stipends and gifts?**

**A: The purpose and intent of the rule is to require school board approval for any payments and/or gifts to a coach in excess of \$500 while conducting coaching duties or activities related to each sport he/she coached for that school. These services include the year round activities that coaches may do in order to provide a safe, competitive, and enriching experience for the student-athletes of the high school and its feeder schools within the school district. Any payment or gift given to a coach in excess of \$500 at any time of the year for that sport must be approved by the school board of directors.**

- 20.3.0.G. The Employing School District will require for paid and/or volunteer coaches:
1. Washington State Patrol Criminal History Information Form required by RCW 43.43.830 on file.
  2. The OSPI Moral Character Supplement Form ~~4020B~~ be completed.
- 20.7.4 Approval must be requested during ~~the first year of with~~ each ~~two (2) year~~ classification period.
- 22.1.6 APPLICATION OF THE ALLOCATION FORMULA - The Allocation Formula shall be applied each even-numbered year. ~~In cases of fractional team (ideal allocation) representation in athletic districts, the WIAA Executive Board is empowered to make decisions regarding the fractional representation allocations.~~
- A. The Allocation Formula is applied by the WIAA Executive Board to the WIAA Districts for all post-season tournament events except for wrestling, where the state shall be divided into regions for each classification.
  - B. The Allocation Formula is the basis for allotting representatives from WIAA Districts to the Representative Assembly.
  - C. By using the Allocation Formula, the WIAA Executive Board shall determine allocations based on the average monthly enrollment as reported during the classification year. ~~In cases of fractional team (ideal allocation) representation in athletic districts, the WIAA Executive Board is empowered to make decisions regarding the fractional representation allocations.~~
- 22.2.0 DISTRICT REPRESENTATION IN STATE TOURNAMENTS - District representation in state tournaments shall be determined by the application of the Allocation Formula ~~(Article 4.11.0)~~, except as otherwise determined by the WIAA Executive Board as listed in each sports section.
- 22.2.2 The WIAA District ~~is the original~~ **has the authority for determining and responsibility to determine** the method by which ~~entries that are allocated to that district qualify~~ **allocations will be filled** for state ~~tournaments or state meets events.~~



**22.2.8.D** *If two WIAA Districts "glue", the following conditions will be in effect:*

- a. Glued Districts will be considered a Bi-District or Tri-District, depending upon the total number of Districts involved, where each District is treated equitably by the other member Districts in the agreement and the allocations from the Districts involved will be pooled (example: If District 2 has two (2) allocations and District 4 has one (1) allocation, the combine agreement will reflect three (3) allocations.*
- b. The Districts can choose to utilize any format for the purposes of qualifying individuals/teams for the state event, taking into account the draw criteria for each state event. If the format agreed to by both/all Districts is more than a simple cross-over, lower-out contest, each District will be awarded proportional representation similar to the process WIAA allocates state berths.*
- c. Agreements must be approved in writing by each District within two (2) weeks of allocations being confirmed by WIAA. If allocations are known prior to the start of the season, agreements must be in place prior to the start of the season. All combine agreements must be approved by the WIAA Executive Board.*
- d. Agreements will speak to all years of the allocation cycle. There should be annual communication between the leagues to review and confirm the conditions of the agreement.*
- e. Agreements defining the format of the "glue" will include a minimum of:*
  - \* Postseason tournament format*
  - \* Allocations for each District*
  - \* Dates and locations of contests*
  - \* Revenue sharing plan*
  - \* Seeding criteria*
  - \* List of all sports included*

24.1.0 10. Help in securing **or promising** a college athletic scholarship.

**25.1.0** **REPORTING RULE VIOLATIONS BY MEMBER SCHOOLS** - When a school **personnel, WIAA District Director**, or the WIAA staff ~~becomes aware~~ **has been advised of an allegation** that a rule has ~~allegedly~~ been violated, the ~~offending school principal (or designee)~~ **of the school involved** must report the ~~infraction and~~ any **necessary** action taken by the school in writing within five (5) school business days to: 1) the superintendent of the offending school, 2) the league of school membership for review and action, and 3) the appropriate WIAA District.

25.1.3 Only the WIAA Executive Board may remove **an individual athlete or a team** from postseason competition.

25.2.3 Copies of the ~~investigation~~ report, including action taken, shall be sent to the involved school's superintendent, appropriate league, WIAA District Director and the notifying school's principal.

**25.3.0** **PENALTY FOR USE OF INELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT** - Whenever possible, those responsible for the violation shall be penalized. Students who are not responsible for the violation shall be penalized as a last option. However, if students benefit or are responsible for the violation, that benefit or responsibility must be measured within the penalty. ~~A school may appeal a ruling of forfeiture that is based on the contribution of an ineligible participant toward victory in a team sport. The school shall prove by a preponderance of evidence that the contest would have been won without the participation of the ineligible participant. The WIAA district may also impose a penalty against the member school.~~

- 25.3.1 The appeal and supporting rationale must be filed with the appropriate league by the school principal/designee within two (2) school business days of the verification of an ineligible participant and declaration of contest(s) forfeiture.
- 25.3.2 The hearing procedures, as outlined in the WIAA Handbook, shall be followed. The WIAA district shall review the documentation and determine if the contest(s) should be forfeited. Any WIAA district action shall be in writing and shall specify the reasons for the decision. Failure of a school for any reason to enforce the regulation and/or decision of the WIAA district will be considered a school violation.
- ~~25.3.3 For postseason state events, any appeal will be heard by the games committee, providing the appeal was approved by the school principal/designee. A decision will be rendered prior to the next event in which the school might participate.~~
- 25.3.3 A school may appeal a ruling of forfeiture that is based on the contribution of an ineligible participant toward victory in a team sport. The school shall prove by a preponderance of evidence that the contest would have been won without the participation of the ineligible participant. The WIAA district may also impose a penalty against the member school.**
- 25.5.4 Restriction - The league, WIAA District, or WIAA Executive Board may take action that would restrict participation in league. ~~Only the WIAA Executive Board may restrict participation in WIAA District or state level activities.~~—The restriction may be applied to **any and all individuals involved including a coach**, participant, **school employee**, team, group, or school.
- 25.1.0 REPORTING RULE VIOLATIONS BY MEMBER SCHOOLS - When a school or the WIAA staff becomes aware that a rule has **allegedly** been violated, the offending school principal (or designee) must report the infraction and any action taken by the school in writing within five (5) school business days to: 1) the superintendent of the offending school, 2) the league of school membership for review and action, and 3) the appropriate WIAA District.
- 25.2.1 Schools, **WIAA staff, WIAA District Directors**, WIAA District Eligibility Committee Members, and/or the WIAA Eligibility Hearing Officer have the responsibility to report possible eligibility infractions or **alleged** school violations of WIAA rules and regulations in writing to the principal of the school involved, with copies sent to the involved school's superintendent, the appropriate league and WIAA District Directors at the earliest possible date for the principal's investigation and response to the notifying school.
- 25.3.1 The appeal and supporting rationale must be filed with the appropriate ~~WIAA district~~ league by the school principal/designee ~~with the WIAA district of the school's membership~~ within two (2) school business days of the verification of an ineligible participant and declaration of contest(s) forfeiture.
- 25.5.4 Restriction - The league, WIAA District, or WIAA Executive Board may take action that would restrict participation in league. Only the WIAA Executive Board may restrict participation in WIAA District or state level activities. The restriction may be applied to ~~an individual~~ **a coach**, participant, team, group, or school.

All sport specific rules: **JAMBOREE** – A jamboree is an abbreviated contest during which an individual is limited to two (2) events. All general jamboree rules also apply. Please refer to general jamboree ~~guidelines~~ **rules**.

**29.66.0 CALLED GAME CONTEST** – Refer to high school baseball.

**35.2.3 Following the first contest (jamboree or game) participants are limited to two (2) days per week (not counting contests) of thud or live action drills.**

**Definition of levels of contact:**

**Thud – Drill is run at assigned speed through the moment of contact; no pre-determined “winner”. Contact remains above the waist, players stay on their feet and a quick whistle ends the drill.**

**Live Action – Drill is run in game-like conditions and players may be taken to the ground.**

41.3.2 Coaching is allowed between the ~~1st~~ first, ~~and~~ second and **third** sets, not to exceed two (2) minutes.

**43.6.0 PLAYER LIMITATION** - Entrance into any set constitutes participation in that set. Entrance is interpreted as meaning when a player is beckoned onto the floor and the ball becomes alive, ~~and that the player has played in one (1) set.~~

**44.10.0 UNIFORM VARIANCE** - Wrestlers may wear a one-piece singlet as outlined in the NFHS wrestling rule book, or a two-piece outfit consisting of close-fitting “fight shorts” and a short-sleeved compression top. No combination of the two will be allowed. Wrestling teams must adhere to all other uniform regulations.

**44.68.0 UNIFORM VARIANCE** - Wrestlers shall wear any shoe deemed appropriate by the coach, activities coordinator, and/or wrestling official. **Wrestlers may wear a one-piece singlet as outlined in the NFHS wrestling rule book, or a two-piece outfit consisting of close-fitting “fight shorts” and a short-sleeved compression top. No combination of the two will be allowed. Wrestling teams must adhere to all other uniform regulations**

New Appendix 7 Philosophy and protocols related to WIAA handbook rule 27.0.0 Illegal Recruiting

Appendix 11 Replaced Mike Ottis with Miles Caples at WIAA Executive Board member representing District 6; replaced Leta Meyer with John Wallwork as at large member

Moved index to the back of the handbook

Index additions

All Star Contests (17.33.0); Fifth Grade Participation (18.16.0); Forfeit (17.20.0); Medical, licensed to conduct physical (17.11.2); Middle Level Practice with High School (18.19.0); Physicians (17.34.0); Sixth Grade Participation (18.17.0); Suspension Period (18.17.6)

Fact Finder (8.12.9, 19.14.0, 28.2.5, 30.2.2, 30.2.5); Illegal Recruiting (27.0.0)