

CHANGES MADE IN THE 2017-18 WIAA HANDBOOK AS OF (6/15/17):

CA	Page 1	Changed sport responsibilities for executive staff (BB - AB/CA; BO - JM/CA; GY – CA/BS; WR – BS/JM); added RPI – CA/AB
CA	Page 3	Summary of ten approved amendments
ASK	3.6.0	ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE FEES - Fees of the Association shall be established by the WIAA Executive Board and approved by a majority vote of the Representative Assembly at the spring meeting. The following items will be used in determining the fee schedule: a) services rendered by WIAA; b) number of activities in which schools participate; c) number of students served. The current fees are as follows: High School - \$60.00 \$65.00 per activity; \$0.40 \$0.50 per student. Middle/Junior High School - \$10.00 per activity; \$0.05 \$0.10 per student.
MAC	4.7.0.B.	<i>h. Program approval shall coincide with the two (2) year classification/allocation cycle.</i>
MAC	6.9.2	Both Assemblies must approve an issue or amendment that affects all member schools by a 60 percent(60%) affirmative vote of the appropriate Assembly (11 of the 18 middle level, 21 of the 35 high school or 32 of the 53 combined).
MAC	7.0.0	PROPOSED HANDBOOK RULES CHANGES (AMENDMENTS)
	7.1.0	DEFINITION OF AN AMENDMENT – An amendment is defined as a proposed change to the WIAA Constitution, rules and/or regulations.
	7.2.0	REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY ACTION –the WIAA Constitution and General Rules and Regulations of the WIAA may be amended during the meeting of Amendments are approved by the Representative Assembly by a sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote of the appropriate Assembly (11 of the 18 middle level, 21 of the 35 high school or 32 of the 53 combined).
	7.2.1	Redistricting proposals resulting from a WIAA Executive Board directed study shall be presented during the meeting of the Representative Assembly.
	7.2.2	CHANGING WORDING OF AN AMENDMENT - The wording of a proposed amendment may be changed by a sixty percent (60%) vote of the members of the Representative Assembly members attending the meeting , provided the intent of the proposed amendment is not altered.
	7.3.0	PROPOSAL OF PROCESS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS - Amendments must be submitted on the appropriate form and may be proposed by one of the following:
	7.7.0	PUBLISHING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS - All proposed amendments are to be sent by the WIAA office following the Representative Assembly meeting at which the amendments will be presented. Reasons for and against the amendments are to be included.
CA	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; Districts 1, 3, 7 in 2020; and succeeding years in a similar manner. Four at-large members shall be selected in order to provide female, ethnic, race (see 8.3.0) 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; the state-wide at-large representative in 2019; and Region A in 2020. 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.

- BD 12.2.2 The winter season is designated as the competitive season for cheerleading **and will conclude with the State Cheerleading Championships.**
- BD 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~~ **league contest** 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.
- CA 17.5.6 **DEFINITION OF COACHING**
- A. Coaching is defined as overseeing any regularly scheduled team physical activity designed for the preparation of athletes for the ensuing sports season.
- B. Coaching is further defined as any attempt by the coach of a school team (paid or volunteer) to teach any phase of a game or activity to their squad or part of their squad or have their squad or part of their squad engage in drills under the supervision of that coach, or from directions provided by that coach.
- C. **Any adult or non-school personnel coaching during a scheduled team practice or contest is considered to be a coach for that team.**
- CA 17.5.8 In the sport coached, a school coach may not sponsor, coach or direct activities which resemble out-of-season practices or contests to any student **at that high school or any feeder school(s) for that high school** in the school district except during the designated season for that sport until after the final spring WIAA tournament is completed (high school) or until after the completion of the final spring sports season (middle level.) A feeder school may be either grades 7 and 8 or grades 7, 8 and 9.
- CA 17.5.8.A. A coach may coach his/her child at any time **provided no other students who attend or feed into that that school are involved, individually or as members of a team.**
- Amend 17.5.8.D.1 A coach may coach seniors who are past squad members after the season is over for one practice in preparation for and in one Washington State Coaches Association all-state game and/or one All American game approved by the **WIAA Executive Board.**
- BD 17.8.2 Activities are open and advertised to all members of the student body **of that school;** and
- BD 17.12.1 PRACTICE DEFINITION – Practice is defined as a ~~regularly~~ **school** scheduled team physical activity designed for the preparation of athletes for the ensuing sports season and must be conducted under the supervision of the school coach. Participation in physical education classes does not constitute a practice.
- BD 17.12.7 Schools may ~~schedule~~ **conduct** practice or contests during any six days of the week ~~for the purpose of meeting the minimum practice requirements.~~
- BD **17.13.1 A school may have only one varsity team in each sport.**
- 17.13.2 A school may have as many subvarsity teams as allowed by its league.**
- CA 17.26.3 ~~PLACEMENT OF EMBLEM~~ **SPONSOR'S NAME OR LOGO** ON SCHOOL UNIFORM OR EQUIPMENT – ~~Manufacturer's logos must meet NFHS specifications as outlined in the appropriate sport rule book.~~ A sponsor's name or logo is not permitted on any apparel or equipment approved by the school to be worn or used during the pre-contest warm-ups or during a contest.
- Amend 17.27.5 Three (3) or more schools are involved and each school must play at least two (2) opponents.
- A. **If one (1) of the schools withdraws from the jamboree within four (4) days or less of the jamboree and a replacement school cannot be found, the hosting school may contact the WIAA staff to restructure the event.**
- B. **The jamboree limit per school will continue to be in effect.**

- BD 18.11.2H **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.**
- JM 18.16.2 **This rule may not be appealed through the eligibility appeal process.**
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- CA 18.19.2 If a sport is offered by the middle school, middle level students may practice with the feeder high school teams **only** during the time period that the seasons run concurrently.
- JM 18.19.3 **This rule may not be appealed through the eligibility appeal process.**
- BD 18.20.3 **Combining contests in both the middle level and high school level, an eighth grader may participate in up to the maximum number of high school contest. Also refer to the specific sport sections in this WIAA handbook verify daily, weekly or season limitations.**
- JM 18.20.4 **This rule may not be appealed through the eligibility appeal process.**
- JM 18.21.8 **This rule may not be appealed through the eligibility appeal process.**
- BD 18.23.1 Schools may not give students special treatment or privileges on a regular basis to enable them to participate in non-school athletic activities. ~~such as~~ **Some examples of special treatment or privileges include** reduced practice times, special workouts, late arrivals, or early dismissals or missing a practice or contest. Regular is defined as being more than once.
- Amend 19.13.2 ~~Verbal notification of the intent to appeal shall be given to the contest official by the coach of the ejected person prior to the “next live ball” or resumption of play. The verbal notification shall be based on an identified misapplication or misinterpretation of a specific rule.~~
- Amend 20.1.0 – 20.3.3 Changed clock hour requirements to task based
- Amend 21.7.0.E In order to be eligible for state, officials must meet criteria; fees are negotiated; WIAA/WOA joint committee required.
- Amend 21.8.0 **COMMUNICATION BETWEEN LEAGUES AND OFFICIALS ASSOCIATIONS/BOARDS** - The WIAA and WOA **expect** that athletic leagues have meetings prior to the opening of their seasons to which they invite representatives of the officials association/board that serves them so that they might discuss mutual areas of concern.
- Amend 21.9.0 **WIAA DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON OFFICIALS** - The WIAA and WOA Executive Boards **require** that each WIAA District have a standing committee consisting of three (3) school personnel and three (3) members from the local officials association/board to work on mutual areas of concern.

AB	22.2.8	FOR DISTRICTS WITH ONLY ONE (1) ALLOCATION – <i>If a District has only one (1) allocation in the first and/or second year of the allocation period, that District would be allowed to petition to the WIAA Executive Board for the opportunity to combine with another District (“glue”) to gain an additional allocation provided the minimum number of schools in the District offer the program in question. The number of schools that drive an allocation, plus one, will be the number needed to provide the opportunity for a second individual or team from a district to qualify for postseason play. The deadline for the appeal petition shall be two (2) weeks after the allocations have been finalized.</i>
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- CA 23.2.1 Should a league or member school desire to deviate from a) applicable playing rule of a game/contest, b) WIAA Handbook regulations, or c) The WIAA Executive Board adopted policies related to activities, the league or school shall submit a written proposal to the WIAA Executive Board no later than ~~90~~**30** days prior to the start of the specific activity season.
- 23.2.4 An experiment (if approved) shall be granted **for one year only**, but may be renewed for a second year. There will be no renewal until an amendment is submitted to and acted on by the Representative Assembly. Should there be a need for additional data, a written, detailed assessment and evaluation of the experiment with any recommendations shall be sent to the WIAA office no later than thirty (30)~~school business~~ days following the completion of the activity season in which the experiment was conducted.
- MAC 25.2.2 The principal **or designee** of the school involved in the alleged violation shall reply to the notifying school principal **or designee** within five (5) school business days **with** the results of the investigation.
- BS 25.2.5 The action of the league shall be forwarded to the appropriate WIAA District Board, then to the District Directors Appeals Board, then to the WIAA Executive Board for review. The WIAA Executive Board may appoint a fact finder to investigate the alleged violations. The Board at each level shall determine if the penalty is appropriate and in accordance with the WIAA School District Due Process Procedures. The Board at each level has the authority to ~~levy~~ **alter additional** penalties as deemed appropriate.
- CA 26.0.1 When a school feels that there has been a misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule, the school representative shall notify the official's assignor, the opposing school, the league president, ~~and~~ the District Director **and the WIAA staff** within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest.
- CA 26.1.1 Protests involving schools from the same WIAA League - Disputes and game protests involving schools that are members of the same WIAA League shall be referred to their League **hearing** board for a resolution.
- BD **29.5.2 The pitching limitation rule is based upon the number of pitches thrown during a calendar day with a maximum of 105 pitches in a calendar day.**
- 29.5.3 High school pitching limitation**
- | # PITCHES | REQUIRED REST |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 76 - 105 | 3 calendar days |
| 51 - 75 | 2 calendar days |
| 31 - 50 | 1 calendar day |
| 1 - 30 | 0 days |
- 29.5.4 Counting pitches**
- A. Every legal or illegal pitch thrown from the pitching mound to a batter will count toward the pitching limitation.**
- B. The home scorebook will be official recording for pitch counts unless otherwise designated by the schools, league, WIAA district, or the WIAA state office.**
- CA 29.7.2 The lineup, ~~innings pitched~~ **pitch count** and batting order of each team will remain exactly the same as when the contest was suspended.
- CA **29.8.0 GAME ENDING PROCEDURES** - NFHS Rule 4-2-2, in which the game shall end when the losing team is behind **ten** (10) or more runs and has had at least five (**5**) turns at bat, applies during all regular season and postseason games.
- Amend **29.10.0 NFHS RULE EXCEPTION - EXTRA HITTER - A subvarsity baseball team will be allowed to add an extra hitter (EH) to its lineup.**

- BD **29.65.2** The pitching limitation rule is based upon the number of pitches thrown during a calendar day with a maximum of 80 pitches in a calendar day.
- 29.65.3** Middle level pitching limitation
- | # PITCHES | REQUIRED REST |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 61 - 80 | 3 calendar days |
| 41 - 60 | 2 calendar days |
| 21 - 40 | 1 calendar day |
| 1 - 20 | 0 days |
- 29.65.4** Counting pitches
- A. Every legal or illegal pitch thrown from the pitching mound to a batter will count toward the pitching limitation.
- B. The home scorebook will be official recording for pitch counts unless otherwise designated by the schools or league.
- Amend **29.67.2** EXTRA HITTER - A middle level baseball team will be allowed to add an extra hitter (EH) to its lineup.
- BD ~~30.6.3~~ ~~NFHS Basketball Rule 10-5-3~~ - The fourteen (14) foot COACHES BOX has been adopted. (covered in the NFHS Basketball Rule Book)
- BD ~~30.7.0~~ ~~DETERMINATION OF RANKING FOR DISTRICT TOURNAMENT~~ - In case of a tie at the close of the season's play in a league where two schools have already qualified for the district tournament and where there is no subdistrict tournament and where either one or both have played 20 games, permission is granted these schools to play off the tie. The necessary contest or contests are to be considered as the equivalent of the subdistrict tournaments allowed elsewhere in excess of the 20-contest limit. (duplication of 17.15.8)
- Amend **38.3.2** With the exception of the goal keeper, a yellow card cautioned player shall leave the field and may be replaced. Should the team with the cautioned player elect to play shorthanded, the cautioned player may not re-enter nor be replaced until the next legal substitution opportunity.
- CA ~~38.4.0~~ ~~ALTERNATE SEASON~~ - A league may request the WIAA Executive Board to participate during an alternate season (duplicate of 17.3.0)
- BS **38.65.0** GAME LIMITATION - As a recommendation, middle level schools should may play up to 30-minutes halves or 15-minute quarters. Permission for four (4) equal quarters of 15 minutes each will be granted with written request to the WIAA office.
- Amend **39.4.2** NFHS RULE EXCEPTION - EXTRA HITTER - A subvarsity softball team will be allowed to add an extra hitter (EH) to its lineup.
- AB 41.3.1 A player may compete in more than two (2) matches a maximum of three (3) matches per day.
- JM 44.9.1 Up to two (2) wrestlers from the same school may qualify in the same weight class.
- JM ~~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. (covered in the NFHS Basketball Rule Book)
- BD 44.64.1 There shall be no more than two (2) contests per week per team and no more than four (4) matches per week per individual. The only exception is described in A and B below:
- A. A one (1) day eliminating wrestling tournament will count as one (1) team outing. A wrestler may wrestle in no more than four (4) matches in the tournament.

~~B. For the purposes of rule 44.64.1, a team is limited to one (1) tournament of this type per season.~~

JM ~~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. (covered in the NFHS Basketball Rule Book)

CA Appendix 8.1 Deleted 2016-17 dates; added 2023-24 dates

CA Appendix 8.2 Deleted 2016-17 dates; added 2023-24 dates

CA Appendix 13 Curt and Chee Chee Bruskland Award - Added Marty Fortin as 2017 recipient
Gareth Giles Award – Rich Frazer, Toledo Kalama
Gareth Giles Award – Added Bob Jones and Shelly Thiel as 2017 recipients

CA Appendix 14.1 Increased varsity fees by \$2, subvarsity by \$1, middle level by \$1

JM Appendix 15 Added Coaches standards task chart

Q & A SECTION

CA 17.5.5 Q & A-29 Deleted (duplicate of Q & A 27)

Q&A-2: *Could a middle level softball coach hit balls with his/her daughter in the neighborhood park?*

*YES, WIAA out-of-season rules do not prohibit immediate family obligations. However, if another member of the daughter's team participates, the out-of-season rules would be violated **except during the season or during the summer.***

Q&A-5: *Can school uniforms or equipment be used by students participating in all star or all state contests?*

*School uniforms may be worn **ONLY** if the all state contests are sponsored by the Washington State Coaches Association.*

~~*NOTE: Use of school issued football helmets and shoulder pads is contingent upon local school district policy. (Repeat of Q & A-7)*~~

Q&A-11: *May a coach take his/her team to a coaches (only) clinic in order to demonstrate drills?*

YES, provided there is no coaching that takes place. The coach may merely introduce the players and the drill.

Q&A-12: *May a prospective coach run practice drills involving the players at that school during the interview/screening for a new position?*

YES.

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Q&A-2: *I had a physical exam in April for spring sports. For how long is my physical good?*

*Physical exams are good for 24 months **unless the school district has a more restrictive policy.***

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Q&A-1: *I need only one more practice to be eligible for our first soccer game, and my coach is willing to have a special practice on Sunday.*

While WIAA rules do not prohibit a Sunday practice, ~~Sundays may not be counted toward meeting the minimum practice requirements.~~ **a full team practice must be held in order for the practice to count..**

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Q&A-1: *I will be coming to Washington State as part of a yearlong cultural exchange. Will I be able to participate in athletics at my host school?*

*YES, you will have one year of varsity eligibility as an International exchange student as long as you have not graduated from high school in your home country. Your host school will have to submit the International Exchange Form of the WIAA Eligibility Packet to the WIAA District Eligibility Chairperson. **The contract and related issues/international exchange student contract (enterin/-leaving) can be found at wiaa.com/publications/forms/student_eligibility.***

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