

2020-21 Handbook Editorial changes approved during the April 18, 2021 WIAA Executive Board meeting:

- 1) 3.1.3 All member school districts must annually complete the WIAA school district membership and WIAA School Board Resolution form prior to second Friday in June ~~prior to the school year the member school wishes to continue membership.~~
- 2) 3.1.4 All member schools must complete the School Member Update process prior to the second Friday in July.
- 3) 3.3.3 A **The school** representative from each member high school.... Attend WIAA fall workshop ... **In the situation that the school representative cannot attend, they must send an administrator from their school.**
- 4) 3.3.4 A **The school** representative from each member high school.... Complete the WIAA online eligibility clinic.
- 5) 3.5.0 THE SCHOOL VOTE - The **school representative** ~~principal~~ of each member school, ~~or designee as authorized by the school board,~~ shall have one (1) vote when voting by questionnaires, polls, WIAA District meetings or any other appropriate time. The local School Board shall list the representative(s) in WIAA matters on the annual WIAA membership form. The ~~voting~~ **school** representative shall be the member school's **Athletic Director** ~~principal~~ unless some other designee is authorized by the School Board via written notification to WIAA.
- 6) 8.2.2 Four (4) ~~at-large~~ **region** members shall be selected in order to provide female, ethnic, race and geographic representation on the Executive Board. Each region will have one (1) ~~at-large~~ representative, with the fourth ~~at-large~~ representative selected from any of the districts by the following schedule: Region B and Region C **representatives** in 2021; the combined **region** representative in 2022; and Region A **representative** in 2023. 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~~ combined district position.
- 7) 8.2.3 **Standing region members must announce by March 15 if they intend to seek reappointment.**
- 8) 8.2.4 **The deadline for** ~~selection of at-large executive board members is June 1.~~ **submission of region nomination forms is April 15.**
- 9) 8.2.5 **Region members will be selected by the full Executive Board by May 1.**
- 10) 18.11.0 Transfer Q&A

Q. Our family purchased a new home in a school district 10 miles away from our current school district. We have one (1) semester left in the school year and would like our student to finish the year at their current school and transfer to the new school for the start of the next school year. Will they be immediately varsity eligible at the new school?

A. No, the student would be considered a transfer and subject to sub varsity for one (1) calendar year beginning at the time of enrollment at the new school . In order to be eligible at the new school, your student would need to transfer to and enroll at the new school at the time the family unit moved into the new school district.
- 11) 18.27.2 The school principal/designee is required to submit an ejection report online to the WIAA office within ~~24 hours~~ **one school business day** following the completion of the contest in which the ejection occurred.

- 12) 18.27.4 Should a participant be unable to complete a suspension during the sports season in which the ejection occurs, the suspension shall be carried over into the participant's succeeding season of participation. In order for the suspension in the succeeding season of participation to meet this requirement, the participant must be a member of the team for the entire season for that sport.
- A. The suspension **for violent conduct** will be based upon the maximum number of contests allowed to be played in that sport, not the number of contests scheduled or played by the school in that sport.
- 13) 18.27.3.E. **Whenever a baseball coach is ejected, a two-part plan that is meant to reduce the**
29.11.0 **number of baseball coach ejections must be completed, which requires an ejected coach to complete the NFHS "Teaching and Modeling Behavior" online course and develop a plan to reduce ejections overall with their athletic director, principal, and superintendent/designee before the coach may be allowed to return to coach.**
- There is a fee for the course which can be found at <https://nfhslearn.com/courses/teaching-and-modeling-behavior> as well as a link on the WIAA baseball page under "helpful links". The certificate of completion and the plan to reduce ejections must be received by Cindy Adsit, cadsit@wiaa.com, **before the coach may be allowed to return to coach.**
- 14) 18.27.5 Ejections Q&A
- Q: We had a student receive their second ejection of the sport season and it was our final game of the year. Will they have to sit out the entire next sports season?
- A: No, if the student was ejected for violent conduct, they would be suspended as outlined in Rule 18.27.4, but if the ejection would have been for only one game, the one game suspension carries over into their next season played. The student does not sit out an entire next season.
- 15) 30.5.3 Two (2) technicals assessed during a basketball game are considered to be an ejection.
- 16) 44.4.3 Each day of competition must count as one of the 16 allowed team dates. Each individual is limited to the daily match limitation ~~as stipulated in the NFHS wrestling rule book.~~

2020-21 Handbook Editorial changes approved during the March 14, 2021 WIAA Executive Board meeting:

- 1) 3.6.3 Schools that combine in all WIAA-sponsored sports and/or all **activities that the school offers shall be considered a full combine and** shall be charged one (1) fee and shall receive only one (1) set of rules, passes and trophy. Schools that combine in ~~only one (1) or more, but not all, WIAA-sponsored sports and/or~~ activities **that the school offers shall be considered a partial combine and** shall pay separate membership fees, receive separate sets of rules, supervisory passes and trophies.
- 2) 4.6.0 *COMBINED PROGRAMS - DEFINITION - Students from more than one WIAA member school competing as one team.*
- A. *Schools that combine in all WIAA-sponsored sports and/or all activities **that the school offers** shall be considered **a full combine and** as one (1) school whose name will include all schools involved in the combine with a dash between each school's name, and are required to notify the WIAA office of the combine during the classification process.*
- B. Schools that combine in one (1) or more, but not all, WIAA-sponsored sports and/or activities that the school offers shall be considered a partial combine and as separate schools.**
- C. *The process of approval ~~of~~for high school **combined** programs requires the following steps:*
- 3) 4.6.C.2. *The name used for the team must indicate the schools involved, unless all schools involved mutually agree otherwise. ~~If the team qualifies for the postseason, the team name shall include all schools involved in the combined program.~~* **THIRD and FINAL READING**
- 4) 4.7.0 **The process of approval of middle school cooperative programs requires the following steps:**
- 1. Approval of each school board of school(s) involved, and**

2. **Approval of the league(s) involved.**
- 5) **17.16.0 MEMBER SCHOOLS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS AND MEETS** - Member schools may sponsor or participate in invitational tournament(s) or meet(s).
- 17.16.1** **Tournament - defined - a series of contests where more than two (2) teams compete against each other on the same day or within a 24 hour period, whether or not there is an ultimate winner or prize. This includes elimination-style, consolation-style, and round-robin events where teams compete against more than one (1) competitor per day (regardless of the name of the event).**
- 17.16.2 Each team is permitted to participate in invitational tournaments or jamborees as listed in that particular sport section.
- 17.16.3 Each contest in an invitational tournament must be counted as one (1) seasonal contest toward the team and individual contest limitation, unless otherwise indicated in the specific sport section.
- 17.16.4 The same rules governing the number of ~~games~~ **contests** per day and other playing rules will be followed.
- ~~17.16.4 Invitational tournaments shall be held on the premises of the sponsoring school or within the school district of the sponsoring school.~~
- 6) **18.4.0 AGE LIMITS - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL** – A student shall be under 20 years of age ~~on September 1 for the fall sports season, on December 1 for the winter sports season, and on March 1 for the spring sports season~~ **within the first two weeks of each sports season.**
- 7) 18.14.4 A student who has been identified as receiving special education services and who is accessing educational services beyond their interscholastic eligibility may apply for a waiver of this rule by submitting a request for extended eligibility **at the sub-varsity level** to the WIAA Executive Director. The WIAA Executive Director may grant a waiver of this rule provided the student does not pose a safety risk to themselves or to other students.
- 8) 18.20.2 **Pending league approval, 1B and 2B** high schools **that remain in the 1B or 2B classification** with an enrollment equal to or less than one-half of the enrollment in the largest 2B school may allow eighth (8th) graders from a WIAA member feeder middle school/junior high to participate in any high school program for that classification cycle.
- NOTE 1: 165 will be the enrollment cut-off for the 2020-2024 classification cycle.**
- NOTE 2: This provision does not apply to 1B or 2B high schools that opt to the 1A or higher classification.**
- 9) 18.26.3 The District Eligibility Committee shall waive the junior varsity rule in the case of a transfer student for a specific sport if the petitioner can provide documentation in one or more of the following criteria on ~~Form 6 Part 1~~ the Previous School Statement in the WIAA Eligibility Packet.
- 10) **35.3.0 PRACTICE DURING THE SUMMER** - The first three (3) days of practice for each football player shall be without shoulder pads (helmets are the only protective gear allowed.)
- 35.3.1 Contact is not allowed during the first three (3) days of practice for each individual player. Should a player begin turnouts any time after the first day of summer practice, that individual player may not wear shoulder pads nor be allowed to be involved in those drills or practices in which there is "contact" until all required safety pads are worn.
- 35.3.2 A maximum of ten (10) practices with full pads and full contact practices are allowed.
- A. Contact may be allowed only during one (1) of the two-a-day workouts.
- 35.3.3 After **the three (3) days of no contact and four (4) five (5)** full pad/contact practices, teams would be allowed to scrimmage other schools or participate in full contact team camp contests.
- 35.3.4 The athletic director at each school is required to maintain the summer practice schedule.
- 35.4.0 JAMBOREE**
- 35.4.1 A jamboree could be held after eight (8) practices have been completed **(three (3) days of no contact, followed by five (5) days with full pads and full contact.)**
- 35.4.2 An individual is limited to participation in a maximum of forty (40) snaps.

- 11) 35.5.4 FIFTH (5th) QUARTER - A fifth (5th) quarter may be played by subvarsity football squads following the ~~regular~~ **subvarsity** contest. The fifth (5th) quarter is for players who were not starters and played in three (3) quarters or less of the regular contest.
- 12) 18.24.0 Amateur Standing
Q&A-9: *I plan to play in an upcoming junior golf tournament in my community. First prize will be a \$300 contribution paid directly to the school. Since nothing will be given to the winner, do I need to count that \$300 toward my annual \$500 limit?*
NO; since the prize is going directly to the school, the amount will not apply to you individually.
- 13) 18.27.0 Ejection from contest
Q&A-9: *I was ejected from a football game yesterday for what was determined to be violent conduct. Since our school is playing fewer games than the rest of the schools, can that suspension be reduced?*
NO; the suspension for violent conduct is based upon the maximum number of contests in that sport, not the actual number scheduled or played.

2020-21 Handbook Editorial changes approved during the February 16, 2021 WIAA Executive Board meeting:

- 1) 4.6.C.2. *The name used for the team must indicate the schools involved, unless all schools involved mutually agree otherwise. ~~If the team qualifies for the postseason, the team name shall include all schools involved in the combined program.~~* **SECOND READING**
- 2) 8.2.1 **March 1 - Deadline for submission of District executive board members**
- 3) 8.2.3 **June 1 - Deadline for selection of at-large executive board members**
The application, process and interview questions/matrix will be added to the WIAA Executive Board Policy book (enclosures)
- 4) 17.12.1 PRACTICE DEFINITION – Practice is defined as a school scheduled **in-person** 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
- 5) 17.26.4 **EXCEPTION FOR HAIR DEVICES** - For granting exceptions for hair devices due to religious or medical reasons, the head covering must comply with the following:
A. The student-athlete is responsible to insure that the head covering is not abrasive, hard or dangerous to any other player and is attached in such a way that it is highly unlikely to come off during play.
B. The head covering must be similar in color to the predominant color of the jersey, if possible. White, gray, black or beige is also acceptable.
C. The uniform number(s) on the front and back of the jersey must also be visible at all times.
D. ~~A copy of the notification from the school principal or athletic director or designee should be given to the coach for informing game officials to avoid penalty.~~
- 6) **18.20.1 FEEDER MIDDLE SCHOOL/JUNIOR HIGH - DEFINITION**
A. Public schools – the middle school/junior high whose students will progress to a specific high school.
B. Private schools
1) **A designated private feeder school owned and operated by the high school; or**
2) **In the case where no designated private feeder school exists, the middle school(s)/junior high(s) in the public school district where the private high school is located.**

2020-21 Handbook Editorial changes approved during the November 17, 2020 WIAA Executive Board meeting:

17.7.0 OFF OUT-OF-SEASON CONDITIONING - A member school may organize and supervise an off-season a conditioning program during the out-of-season time period which may include weight training, running and exercising provided all of the following conditions are met:

- 17.7.1 Participation in off out-of-season conditioning cannot be a requirement, incentive for, or a condition of participation on a school team;
- 17.7.2 It is open and advertised to all students at that school;
- 17.7.3 Instruction in specific sports skills is not provided.

17.8.0 OPEN GYM - Schools may conduct open athletic facilities (gym, pools, field, and track) in the off during the out-of-season if all of the following conditions are met:

17.7.0 OFF OUT-OF-SEASON CONDITIONING

***Q&A-1:** Could a football coach supervise the weight room in August?*

Schools may sponsor an off season weight training and conditioning program during the out-of-season time period that must be open to all students and cannot include instruction in specific sport skills and/or drills. Each school has the authority to determine who will supervise the weight room.

***Q&A-4:** Could a track coach run with his/her team during the winter for conditioning purposes?*

YES; running is considered as part of any conditioning program and this would be legal as long as no coaching is taking place, and the running is part of the off out-of-season conditioning program and the out-f-season conditioning opportunities are posted and advertised as being open to all students within the school.

***Q&A-5:** Could a cross country coach follow in a car behind his/her squad during the spring?*

YES; as long as no coaching takes place. Running is considered as part of any conditioning program and this would be legal as long as no coaching is taking place, the running is part of the out-of-season conditioning program, and the out-of-season conditioning opportunities are posted and advertised as being open to all students within the school.

17.25.0 RULES GOVERNING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION - International competition must be approved by the Washington State Coaches Association, the WIAA, and the National Federation.

- 17.25.1 The WIAA Executive Board will consider requests for teams of WIAA member schools invited to participate in national events. Specific criteria regarding team roster, number of allowed practices, etc. must be met.
- 17.25.2 Request for sanction of international competition must be processed through the Washington State Coaches Association. International competition must be approved by the Washington State Coaches Association, the WIAA, and the National Federation.
- 17.25.3 An additional contest against an international touring team is allowed once during any three (3) year period. Contests against schools from Canada and Mexico must be within the allowable contest number, since schools from Canada and Mexico are considered to be from bordering states.

18.11.2.G. A student, except F-1 Visa students to a private school, upon enrollment to the initial first level of a private school within a 50-mile radius of the family residence from their public school of residence or their public school of residence from a private school within a 50-mile radius of the family residence.

20.2.2 Coaching stipends and all gifts to a coach exceeding a total of \$500 per school sponsored WIAA sport in a calendar year between the first day of the summer activities period until the final day of the next WIAA school year must be approved by the school's board of directors.

20.4.4 Hold a valid current CPR Certification or be enrolled in an approved CPR Course, it must be renewed every three (3) years.

NEW APPENDIX - PROCEDURES FOR FACT FINDING – Language yet to be determined

NEW APPENDIX - DEI EQUITY LENS TOOL

1. Who are the groups affected by this policy, program, practice or decision? And what are the potential impacts on these groups? (Consider marginalized communities such as Black, Indigenous, people of color, LGBTQ, low-income, etc.)

Examples:

Religion/ Spiritual Affiliation
 Race
 Sexual Orientation
 Ethnicity
 Socio-economic status
 Physical/ Emotional and Developmental (Dis)Ability
 First Language
 Gender
 Gender Identity
 Age
 National Origin
 Family Status

2. Does this policy, program, practice or decision ignore or worsen existing disparities or produce other unintended consequences?
3. In what ways have you intentionally involved stakeholders who are also members of the communities affected by this policy, program, practice or decision?
 - a. How have you validated your assessments?
4. What are the barriers to more equitable outcomes? (e.g. mandated, political, emotional, financial, programmatic or managerial)
5. How will you (a) mitigate the negative impacts and (b) address the barriers identified above?

Handbook editorial changes made prior to publication:

Added 5. "Health and Safety Issues" to listing of approved editorial changes (page 4)

2.2.2 Changed "ensure" to "insure"

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 – \$75.00 per activity; \$0.75 per student. Middle/Junior High School – \$15.00 per activity; \$0.10 per student.~~

Service fees will be based on a flat fee tiered schedule.

3.6.1 High School Fees: The high school tier in which a school is placed is based upon its P223 enrollment figures (grades 9-11, prior to any deductions based upon the Free and Reduced Lunch count) utilized to determine its classification. A high school will remain within its designated tier during the four-year classification cycle.

<u>HS Tier</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Fee per school</u>
HS-1	1-25	\$ 350.00
HS-2	26-50	\$ 600.00
HS-3	51-100	\$ 800.00
HS-4	101-200	\$1,100.00
HS-5	201-300	\$1,500.00
HS-6	301-450	\$1,900.00
HS-7	451-600	\$2,200.00
HS-8	601-800	\$2,400.00
HS-9	801-1000	\$2,700.00
HS-10	1001-1300	\$3,000.00
HS-11	1301-1600	\$3,400.00

HS-12	1601 +	\$3,800.00
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3.6.2 Middle Level School Fees: The middle level school tier in which a school is placed is based upon its grade 7 & 8 combined enrollment count as reported to OSPI in the prior year.

<u>ML Tier</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Fee per school</u>
ML-1	1-100	\$100.00
ML-2	101-250	\$150.00
ML-3	251-400	\$200.00
ML-4	401 +	\$250.00

<u>ML Tier</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Fee per school</u>
ML-1	1-100	\$100.00
ML-2	101-250	\$150.00
ML-3	251-400	\$200.00
ML-4	401 +	\$250.00

3.6.3 Schools that combine in all WIAA-sponsored sports and/or all activities shall be charged one (1) fee and shall receive only one (1) set of rules, passes and trophy. Schools that combine in only one (1) activity shall pay separate membership fees, receive separate sets of rules, supervisory passes and trophies.

3.6.4 Member school service fees and Labor and Industries (L & I) fees for WOA officials for regular and postseason contests are due by November 1. Schools that fail to submit service and L & I fees by December 1 will be excluded from participation in regular season contests and culminating events until fees are remitted and be assessed a \$100.00 late fee.

NOTE: The following fees are billed separately and are not included in the service fees listed above. Officials Labor and Industries (L & I)

On July 7, 2020, the WIAA Executive Board approved that middle schools with an enrollment of 1-24 will receive a discount of \$100 on the Board established Officials L & I fee.

**Wrestling weight management
WIAA fall workshop (high school only)**

4.1.4 During the second year of the four year cycle, a school may appeal its determined classification. An appeal would be based on, but not limited to, circumstances involving significant change in enrollment during the first two years, history of declining enrollment, opening of a new school within the school district, or unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the school. To appeal, a school must submit appeal paperwork to its current and - if applicable - new league, as well as its WIAA District Board. Appeals must follow WIAA handbook rule ~~4.9.1~~ **4.4.0**.

4.3.0 ADJUSTED ENROLLMENT

4.3.1 A ~~2B~~, 1A, 2A, 3A or 4A school's free and reduced lunch data as reported to the Office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the month of November (**OSPI**) **annual reporting date** of the reclassification year will be used to determine that school's adjusted enrollment. ~~2B~~, 1A, 2A, 3A or 4A schools with a free and reduced lunch count greater than the state wide average will have their Average Monthly Enrollment reduced.

4.3.2 Schools with a Free or Reduced lunch count greater than the state wide average will be adjusted as follows:

- A. The reduction will match the percentage greater than the state wide average up to 40 percent (%) maximum.
- B. A school could be moved down only one classification due to its adjusted enrollment.

4.4.3 **The same timeline applies for 1B or 2B schools to opt up in boys soccer only.**

4.7.0 B. Following the determination of classifications, approval for the cooperative program will be for the next two (2) year ~~classification~~ **allocation** period.

4.6.B. c. ~~Any configuration of classifications of member schools may combine for individual sports for regular season play and coop for postseason play. This option is not available for team sports.~~

Reorganized 7.2.0 to 7.3.0

7.2.3.A The WIAA Executive Board can approve a two-year trial of a new activity/sport based upon documentation of the following criteria:

- 1. 20% of the WIAA member schools commit to adding the activity/sport during the first year of the trial. All current WIAA rules would be mandated for participants.**
- 2. Reasons for requesting the WIAA to sanction the activity/sport.**
- 3. Estimated costs per year to WIAA member schools, leagues, WIAA districts and the Association.**

4. **Benefits to WIAA member schools and students due to adding the activity/sport.**
 5. **Estimated increase in student participation due to adding the activity/sport.**
 6. **Additional information as deemed appropriate.**
 7. **If 40% of the WIAA member schools offer the activity/sport during the second year of the trial, the activity would be sanctioned by the Association.**
- 7.4.0 Due date for amendments changed to second Friday in December.
- 8.2.1 Executive board terms were updated through 2022.
- 17.7.2 It is open **and advertised** to all ~~students~~ **members of the student body of that school;**
- 17.11.4 To resume participation following an illness and/or injury serious enough to require medical care by a medical authority licensed to perform a physical examination **and/or a dentist (for dental injury) or podiatric physician (for a foot and/or ankle injury)**, a participating student must present to the school officials a written release from a medical authority licensed to perform physical examinations as listed in 17.11.2 and/or a dentist **or podiatric physician** as applicable.
- 17.11.5 To resume participation following medical care for suspicion of concussion or concussion, both the school athletic director and the medical authorities approved by the WIAA to make return to practice/play decisions (MD, DO, PA, ARNP, LAT) shall use the WIAA's designated "Return to Practice and Competition for Athletes with a Suspected Concussion" form. This new rule will be known as the "Kenney Bui Rule."**
- 17.12.4 Practice shall be limited to each sports season as defined under each sport. Up to five (5) practices from one (1) sport may be transferred to another sport except football in the same season provided practice in the succeeding sport begin **within three (3) school business days** following the last practice in the previous sport.
Added three days to the chart
- 17.15.4 Each **individual and** squad is limited to participating in only the maximum number of contests allowed for that sport.
- 17.15.8 **POSTSEASON QUALIFYING EVENTS** – Postseason contests are those events that are held after the regular season for the purpose of seeding individuals or teams into the next qualifying event or elimination events that qualify individuals or teams directly to the state tournament.
- A. A league championship event where neither individuals nor teams qualify for the postseason must count toward the regular season contest limit.**
- 17.26.4 D. A copy of the notification from the school principal or athletic director or designee should be given to the coach for informing game officials to avoid penalty.
- 18.1.0 STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA** - All ~~contestants~~ **participants** must be eligible under the rules of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association to participate in an interscholastic contest.
- 18.2.0 ELIGIBILITY LISTS** ~~No student shall participate in an interscholastic contest unless he/she is properly certified on an eligibility list on file in the principal's office or the office of the principal's designee.~~
CLEARED FOR PARTICIPATION – **No student shall participate in practice unless they are on the cleared for participation list on file in the principal's office or the office of the principal's designee.**
- ~~18.2.1 Upon mutual agreement of schools or leagues, eligibility lists may be exchanged.~~
- 18.2.1 A student must be on a school's **cleared for participation list** on or before the 50 percent (%) date for that sport in order for a student to participate in postseason and state tournament playoffs for a WIAA member school. The 50 percent (%) rule dates are included in each sports section of the WIAA Handbook.
- 18.3.0 PLAYERS ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION TO COMPETE** - No student shall be eligible to compete in an interscholastic contest unless they are properly certified on an eligibility list on file in the principal's office or the office of the principal's designee.
- 18.3.1 Only ~~players~~ students who are currently eligible ~~to participate~~ **compete** in an activity may appear in the team uniform on the team bench, sideline, court, field or deck during the contest.
- 18.3.2 A student must be currently eligible ~~to participate in~~ **for** an activity in order to participate in the pre-event warm-up.
- 18.3.3 Upon mutual agreement of schools or leagues, eligibility lists may be exchanged.
- 18.4.0 AGE LIMITS - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL** – A student shall be under 20 years of age on September 1 for the fall sports season, on December 1 for the winter sports season, and on March 1 for the spring sports season.
- AGE LIMITS - JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL** – A student shall not have reached ~~his/her~~ **their** 16th birthday prior to June 1 of the previous school year.
- AGE LIMITS - MIDDLE SCHOOL** – A student shall not have reached ~~his/her~~ **their** 15th birthday prior to June 1 of the previous school year. Middle school is defined as a school with at least seventh and eighth grade levels.

18.4.1 Overage Student - A student who is ineligible to compete in middle or junior high level school athletics due to the age rule may participate in all sports in the public senior high school of the public school district provided both middle or junior high level and senior high school principals of the public school district concerned approve the student's participation. The middle level/junior high school principal shall certify to the senior high principal the student's scholastic eligibility.

~~18.4.2 Provided any student is deemed ineligible under this rule, he or she may be declared eligible pursuant to Article 19 of this handbook.~~

18.5.0 STUDENT MEMBER OF A SCHOOL - Students must be regular members of the school they represent in order to participate in an interscholastic ~~athletic~~ activity. Students are a "regular member" of a school if they are enrolled half time or more, exclusive of interscholastic ~~athletic~~ activities.

Definitions:

18.5.1 **Home Based Education – Home School Contract must be on file annually in the principal's office or office of the principal's designee.** Home based students must register with a public school district with the intent to home school. Home based students do not receive assistance from the school district, nor does the school district receive FTE funding or any other outside sources for them. Home based instruction students are categorized as regular members of a school. Therefore, to be eligible ~~to participate in~~ for interscholastic ~~contests/competitions~~ activities, the student must:

- A. Meet both WIAA and school district eligibility requirement standards of all students, including transfer student requirements.
- B. Meet and adhere to the same team responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance of other members of the team/squad.
- C. Participate as a member of the public school in which service area ~~he/she they resides~~ **reside** with ~~his/her their~~ family unit. After registering with the school district as a home school student, a student is subject to the transfer rules if ~~he/she they~~ subsequently ~~changes~~ **change** schools.
- D. Provide ~~the to~~ school ~~administration~~ **authorities** acceptable documentation of any interscholastic eligibility standards required of all other student participants.
- E. Comply with WIAA and local school regulations during the time of participation.
- F. Comply with RCW 28A.225.010 (4).
- ~~G. Provide to school authorities all required forms and documentation.~~

18.5.2 **Alternative Education – Alternative Education Contract must be on file annually in the principals office or office of the principals designee.** Alternative education programs are academic learning opportunities that fall outside of the traditional school house format. These programs include, but are not limited to, Alternative Schools, Certified Educational Clinics, Charter Schools, Contract Based Education, Home Link, Online Schools, Parent/School District Co-Op, Virtual Academics, etc. A school district receives FTE funding for students involved in these programs. A full-time high school student in a public alternative school without athletics may participate at the resident public school that the student would normally attend or that student's public school of record.

18.5.3 **Private School Education** - A student who is a regular member in a private school may participate on the interscholastic teams of ~~his/her their~~ 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.

- A. Students in a private school must meet the same team responsibilities as public school team members and are obligated by the same standards of behavior and performance as other members of the team.
- B. This rule may not be appealed through the eligibility appeal process.
- C. In a school district with multiple middle schools, a full-time seventh (7th) or eighth (8th) grade student in a private school who qualifies under 18.5.2 shall be able to participate at the seventh (7th) or eighth (8th) grade public school that is nearest that student's current private school provided ~~he/she they~~ **resides reside** in that school district.
- D. This rule may not be appealed.

18.6.0 RUNNING START ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS – Running Start Contract must be on file annually in the principals office or office of the principals designee. A Running Start student's eligibility is through the public school of residence/record, where the student accesses the Running Start program.

18.6.1 **Member of the School** - The Running Start student **will not** be included on the school's P-223 count submitted to OSPI. Running Start is considered a mainstream program. The school of eligibility must be the ~~"School of Record"~~ **school of residence/record** for the Running Start student and include the same transcript records as all other students.

GUIDELINES IN ESTABLISHING RUNNING START ELIGIBILITY:

- E. It is possible that a Running Start Student would not attend any classes during one (1) of the three (3) Running Start terms and still be eligible, provided ~~he/she~~ **they** took enough credits during the other two (2) terms to meet or exceed the number of credits per semester for athletic eligibility at the high school.
- F. Running Start is a public school mainstream educational program. Eligibility is at the public school of ~~residence~~ **residence/record** where the student accesses the Running Start program. A student could still compete athletically for the private school if ~~he/she~~ **they maintain** enrollment at the private school for at least 50 percent (%) of the school day at the private 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:

NOTE: Any class posted as a "W" indicates a student has withdrawn from the class and is not considered a class toward the minimum class or the equivalent credit requirements.

18.7.1 Member schools may allow only seniors who are on track to graduate to initially enroll in one less class than the minimum number of classes required **to be passed** for other students. Seniors enrolled in one less class than **required to be passed by** other students must maintain passing grades in all classes in which they initially enrolled in order to remain academically eligible. Seniors may not drop or withdraw from a class in order to remain eligible.

18.7.2 Any class taken as part of the regular schedule of the student during the semester/trimester shall be considered to be a full time subject.

In order to meet the minimum requirement, classes must be for high school credit and be reflected as such on the high school transcript.

18.7.4 A student shall have passed the minimum number of classes as listed in 18.7.0 in the immediately preceding semester/trimester in order to be eligible for competition during the succeeding semester/trimester. The record at the end of the semester/trimester shall be final, except for those class-for-class replacement credits earned in a regular, accredited ~~summer~~ school program or alternative educational program accepted by the school district.

18.7.6 **ACADEMIC SUSPENSION PERIOD** - A student who failed to make the grade requirements of 18.7.4 shall be placed on suspension. The student shall be ineligible during the suspension period. If, at the end of the suspension period, the student is passing in the minimum number of classes required above, the student may then be reinstated for interscholastic competition.

- A. In the fall, an incoming ninth grade student is not required to meet the previous semester scholarship rule in 18.7.4 provided ~~he/she~~ **they have** met all other eligibility requirements. The student's grades will be monitored during the first designated monitoring period established by the school and every three (3) to six (6) weeks thereafter.
- B. The suspension period for high school students shall be from the end of the previous semester through the fourth (4th) Saturday in September in the fall or the first five (5) weeks of the succeeding semester/trimester. **If the suspension period falls during a non-school week (as defined in 17.15.1) and the athlete is missing scheduled competition, the week may count toward the five (5) week suspension.**
- C. The suspension period for middle level students shall be from the end of the previous semester through the first three (3) weeks of the succeeding semester/trimester.
- D. Each student is eligible on Monday of the week following the end of the suspension period. ~~Three (3) or more teaching days shall constitute a week.~~

18.9.0 REGULAR ATTENDANCE - The student shall be enrolled and in regular attendance within the first 15 school days in a semester or ten (10) school days in a trimester at the start of the current semester/trimester in order to participate in interscholastic contests during the current semester/trimester. An enrolled student who receives semester/trimester grades will be considered to have been in attendance for that semester/trimester unless ~~he/she~~ **they are** withdrawn from school.

PHILOSOPHY OF RESIDENCE RULE: *The WIAA residence rule is intended to create an equitable environment in which its member schools can compete, and at the same time prevent those abuses that taint the goals of interscholastic ~~activities~~ **athletics**. Primarily, the residence rule is intended to prevent athletic recruiting, prevent students from choosing schools for athletic reasons, and to promote the varied family units as the best environment for students to live in while attending school. Deterring students from running away from or avoiding imposed discipline, protecting school programs by discouraging athletic transfers and protecting the opportunities for bona fide resident students to participate are also viable reasons for the residence rule.*

- 18.10.4 The residence area for private schools shall be a fifty (50) mile radius from the school address. **Any move by the family unit within the 50-mile radius from the school would require continuous enrollment at the original private school of residence.** NOTE: Refer to Article 3.1.1 for status of a private school district.

PHILOSOPHY OF TRANSFER - The Transfer Rule is preventative in nature and is devised to eliminate the incentive to transfer schools when the motivation is for athletic purposes and after a student has initially chosen the school of his/her choice while he/she has been living with the family unit. The Transfer Rule protects students who have previously participated in athletic competition at a member school from being replaced by students who transfer for athletic purposes and further protects students at other member schools from the effects of "school shopping" by students and "recruiting" by member schools and their agents. The Transfer Rule encourages fair play, discourages the excesses and abuses of promotion, and protects the integrity of interscholastic athletic programs for the member schools and their students. While recognizing the educational experiences that each member school provides, the WIAA member schools support the right of parents and students to attend a school of their choice. The WIAA member schools believe that once an educational choice has been made, there must be a special set of circumstances as covered in the "hardship rule" to warrant athletic eligibility when a student transfer occurs without a commensurate move on the part of the family unit.

The Transfer Rule is intended to create and maintain a consistent and level playing field for students in member schools. In keeping with the belief that participation in activities is a privilege and not a right, certain standards of eligibility have been established. The transfer rule protects students who have previously participated in athletic competition at a member school from being replaced by students who transfer. It encourages fair play, communication and determination while discouraging "school shopping" and abuses of promotion and recruiting by member schools and their agents. While recognizing the educational experiences that each member school provides, the WIAA member schools support the right of parents and students to attend a school of their choice during the window of transfer. Our membership also recognizes the unpredictable nature of the high school experience. Therefore, the WIAA supports the right of parents and students to attend a school of their choice, however, this does not guarantee varsity athletic eligibility. Once a student establishes themselves at a school, ~~a educational choice has been made~~, there must be an acceptable set of circumstances or "hardship" to warrant varsity athletic eligibility if ~~when~~ a student transfers schools.

18.11.0 TRANSFERRING STUDENTS - After residing in, 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 18.26.3. 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.

- 18.11.1 A student who is ineligible in a member school for interscholastic activities may not become immediately eligible at another member school without completing the conditions of ineligibility.
- 18.11.2 The following students who are attending a member school shall be deemed to meet the residence rule requirement and transferring student rule requirements:
- A. A student whose transfer is based on a bona fide change of residence to a new school (district) due to an actual physical relocation of and with the entire family unit to a different residence and preceded by termination of all occupancy of their previous residence (**unless subject to 18.10.4 or 18.11.2.H.**)
 - B. A student attending a school outside of his/her their residence district for one (1) calendar year or more is eligible thereafter at that school provided the enrollment/attendance is continuous.
 - D. A student who is under commitment to the Department of Social and Health Services, a student who is on juvenile parole status and a student who has been adjudicated as a ward of a juvenile court where residence is the result of assignment by the government entity charged with his/her their care.
 - F. A seventh (7th) and/or eighth (8th) grade student who transfers to a school without a corresponding change of residence by his/her their family unit and who meets all other conditions of eligibility shall be eligible at the new middle school when properly enrolled. High school eligibility is subject to the transfer rule and one (1) year of continuous enrollment.
 - H. **A student who wishes to transfer to a school without a corresponding change of residence by their family unit and who meets all other conditions of eligibility shall have initial eligibility at the new school only during the window of transfer (per school district policy.)**
 - 1. **The window of transfer may be accessed one (1) time during the natural break between junior high/middle school and high school.**
 - a) **If the school declares its ninth (9th) graders as junior high athletes, the window of transfer is between the ninth (9th) and tenth (10th) grade years.**
 - b) **If the school declares its ninth (9th) graders as high school athletes, the window of transfer is between the eighth (8th) and ninth (9th) grade years.**

- I. **Provided all other conditions of eligibility are met, a student who has established their athletic eligibility at a high school of choice, public or private, located outside their resident public school during the window of transfer described above, will be required to have continuous enrollment at the established school of choice regardless of any family unit move within the student's original or chosen resident public school district attendance boundaries.**
- J. 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~~ **their** 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.
- K. **A student, including F-1 Visa students, coming from outside the 50-mile radius upon enrollment to an Adventist boarding school based upon being an Adventist, would be varsity eligible.**
- 18.11.4 A student whose transfer is the result of participation in a one-year cultural or educational exchange experience with another country must file the cultural exchange form with ~~his/her~~ **their** District Eligibility Chairperson.
- A. A student leaving this country for a one-year international exchange experience shall file the cultural exchange form with ~~his/her~~ **their** District Eligibility Chairperson prior to departure and will be eligible at ~~his/her~~ **their** school of origin upon ~~his/her~~ **their** return, provided all other rules of eligibility have been met.
- B. An international exchange student coming to this country for a one-year cultural/educational experience is eligible at the varsity level for one (1) year only in the school in which ~~he/she/they has~~ **have** been placed, provided all other rules of eligibility have been met and the student has not graduated from the high school equivalent in ~~his/her~~ **their** home country. F-1 Visa students remaining for more than one (1) year will be considered transfer students. Graduated students cannot compete interscholastically at any level (i.e., varsity or sub-varsity). This rule may not be appealed.
- 18.14.4 A student who has been identified as receiving special education services and are accessing educational services beyond their interscholastic eligibility may apply for a waiver of this rule by submitting a request for extended eligibility to the WIAA Executive Director. The WIAA Executive Director may grant a waiver of this rule provided the student does not pose a safety risk to him/herself or to other students.
- 18.15.1 **NOTICE TO THE STUDENT OR AND FAMILY:** Should the participation of a student be challenged, the administration of that school shall contact the student and parents/legal guardian to advise them of the challenge.
- 18.17.0 **SIXTH (6th) GRADE PARTICIPATION-** Sixth (6th) graders **attending a middle school of any size** may participate with seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) graders **except in the sport of football, if the following conditions are met:**
- 18.17.1 Required approval:**
- 1. School principal, superintendent, and local school board approval.**
 - 2. League approval.**
 - 3. WIAA District Board approval.**
- 18.17.2. The out-of-season rules, as covered in 17.5.0, would apply to sixth (6th) graders involved in these approved programs.**
- 18.17.3 This participation does not count against the student's middle level eligibility.
- 18.17.4 This rule may not be appealed through the eligibility appeal process.
- 18.20.1 High schools with an enrollment equal to or less than one-half of the enrollment in the largest 2B school may allow eighth (8th) graders from a WIAA member feeder middle school/junior high to participate in any high school program for that classification cycle.
- NOTE: **165** will be the enrollment cut-off for the **2020-2024** classification cycle.
- 18.20.2 With league approval, any 2B school **with an enrollment of 166 or greater** school may allow eighth (8th) grade students from a WIAA member feeder middle school/junior high to participate in the high school program with the intent to maintain a varsity and a junior varsity program in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, or volleyball. Eighth graders cannot be brought up to establish a C squad if one of the following circumstances exist.
- NOTE: If a 2B school is not a member of league, WIAA District approval is required.**

- 18.20.3 With league approval, any 2B school **with an enrollment of 166 or greater** may allow eighth (8th) grade students from a WIAA member feeder middle school/junior high to participate in any high school program except football if that sport is not offered at the middle level/junior high.
NOTE: If a 2B school is not a member of league, WIAA District approval is required.
- 18.20.4 With league approval, any 2B school **with an enrollment of 166 or greater** may allow eighth (8th) grade students to participate at the high school level if at any time during the season the number of participants on the high school team is at or below these specified numbers.
NOTE: If a 2B school is not a member of league, WIAA District approval is required.
- 18.22.2 The exception shall be for the student who competes during an alternate season, qualifies for the state tournament, and is required to practice prior to competing in the state tournament. (Example: A student represented ~~his/her~~ **their** school in fall tennis and qualified for the state tournament in the spring. During the spring season this same student represented ~~his/her~~ **their** school in track. Prior to the state tennis tournament, the student is required to have a minimum number of practices, during which time the student is also participating on the track team. In the event that the student also qualifies for the state track meet, state event schedules will not be restructured in order for the student to compete in both state events.)
- 18.22.3 This does not prohibit a student from being a cheerleader **or a member of the dance/drill team** while concurrently participating in another sport.
- 18.24.1 G. By sport receive or have ever received from a professional sports organization, directly or indirectly, a salary or any other form of financial assistance including scholarships, educational grants-in-aid, or any of ~~his/her~~ **their** expenses for reporting to or visiting a professional team.
- 18.24.1 H. Advertise, ~~recommend~~ or promote a commercial product or service.
- 18.24.2 Provided ~~he/she is~~ **they are** not representing a WIAA member school, a student-athlete may participate against professional and college scoring athletes in any sport under the jurisdiction of the WIAA.
- 18.26.3 A. A transferring student has not participated at the school level or club/community equivalent in that sport for one (1) year prior to ~~his/her~~ **their** transfer.
- 18.27.0 **NOTE: Two (2) technical assessed during a basketball game are considered to be an ejection.**

18.27.3 A. Violent conduct is defined as the commission of a violent act against an opponent, official, spectator, teammate or other individual(s) when in or out of play. A player or coach is guilty of violent conduct if ~~he/she uses~~ **they use** excessive force or brutality against an opponent when not in the play. ~~He/she is~~ **They are** also guilty of violent conduct if ~~he/she uses~~ **they use** excessive force or brutality against a teammate, spectator, official or any other person. Violent conduct may occur either on the field of play or outside its boundaries, whether the person is in play or not.

- 18.27.3 B.** **The WIAA staff and/or WIAA Executive Board may increase a suspension based upon the aggressive conduct, inappropriate language, and/or circumstances following an ejection.**
- 18.27.3 C. Any coach ejected shall not be involved in coaching to any degree during the contest from which ~~he/she is~~ they are suspended and shall not be allowed into the facility (gymnasium, field, stadium, locker room or **the** hallway, etc.) during the suspension period.
- 18.27.4 Should a participant be unable to complete a suspension during the sports season in which the ejection occurs, the suspension shall be carried over into the participant's succeeding season of participation. **The suspension will be based upon the maximum number of contests allowed to be played in that sport, not the number of contests scheduled or played by the school in that sport.** In order for the suspension in the succeeding season of participation to meet this requirement, the participant must be a member of the team for the entire season for that sport.

18.27.7. B. The second year that a school has five (5) or more ejections, the school principal/designee shall meet with a designated WIAA executive staff member at the ~~school~~ **WIAA office** and present the school's sportsmanship plan.

- 19.13.2 **A.4** **After watching a video submitted by a school to appeal a suspension of its participant(s) and/or coach(es), the WIAA staff and/or WIAA Executive Board have the ability to suspend a participant or coach if their behavior warranted ejection but was unseen by the officials working the contest.**
- 19.13.2 D. For postseason qualifying contests and/or state contests, any appeal ~~will~~ **must** be heard by the Games Committee (refer to 19.13.3), providing the appeal was approved by the school principal/designee. A decision will be given no later than two (2) hours before the next event in which the ejected person might participate.

- 19.13.3 **G. The findings and decision must be submitted to the WIAA office within two (2) school business days.**
- 20.2.2 Coaching stipends and all gifts to a coach exceeding a total of \$500 in a season per sport in a calendar year must be approved by the school's board of directors.
- 20.4.10 **"Hands on"** stunt Certification is required for cheer coaches and dance/drill coaches who intend to have their cheer or dance/drill squad(s) perform stunts. The certification program must be approved by the Washington State Cheer Coaches Association, the Washington State Dance/Drill Coaches Association, and the WIAA. Coaches must be recertified every three (3) years with "hands on" training.
- ~~22.1.1 The determination of the number of WIAA sponsored tournaments and the number of entries to a tournament shall be based on the percentage of member high schools in each classification. The following criteria in determining tournament formats will apply to all classifications:~~
- ~~A. 0-29 percent (%) schools shall have no tournament for that activity or classification.~~
- ~~B. 30-59 percent (%) schools enrolled shall be provided a tournament of eight (8) teams/entries beginning the first year of an allocation period.~~
- ~~C. 60 percent (%) or more schools enrolled shall be provided a tournament of sixteen (16) teams/entries, beginning the first year of an allocation period.~~
- ~~NOTE: When classifications are combined, the percentages in 22.1.1B & C will be divided by the number of classifications that are combined.~~

22.1.1 Equitable entry into the postseason

1. *The size of the number of entries into the state tournament would be determined by the number of schools that offer that sport in that classification*
2. *An approximate ratio of 4:1 (schools in the classification to number of entries into the state tournament) would be used to determine the size of the state tournament.*
3. *Number of Schools Number of State Tournament Entries*

84+	24
69-83	20
50-68	16
37-49	12
20-36	8
19 or less	<i>Combined with the smallest classification above or below</i>

- 22.1.7 C. *The whole numbers are added, with the additional allocations determined from the fractional allocations (largest to smallest fractional allocation) until all tournament entries are filled.*
1. *Ties will be assigned as an entry of both Districts.*
 - a. *WIAA will assign all allocations in the case of ties.*
 - b. *In the case of a fractional tie (if shared allocations are not possible) the allocation will be assigned to the entity with the District with the largest enrollment.*
 - c. ***For schools that received approval to petition down to a lower classification in football, the average enrollment of all other schools in that classification in that district will be the enrollment assigned to those schools.***
- 22.2.5 By entering participants in postseason competition, each member school certifies that, barring injury, illness, **religious observance** or unforeseen events, the team or individuals representing the school will participate in every level of competition through the completion of the state championship event.
- 25.2.6 Violations of the Bound for State Tournament Regulations will be reviewed and processed by the WIAA Executive Board.
- 25.4.1 The use of a participant who is ineligible by WIAA or local school district rules shall result in forfeiture of contests in which that participant took part, except in situations in which it is determined that the participant/parent/guardian provided the school with false information, **or withheld information**, which caused the school to declare the participant eligible. In such cases, the participant will be declared ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) year. The one (1) year penalty begins on the day the determination is made that false information had been provided. The one (1) year penalty may be appealed to the WIAA Executive Director.
- 26.1.0 **CONTEST PROTESTS - Protests of an official's judgment will not be heard and video cannot be used as evidence. A protest must be based on a misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule.**

26.1.1 Verification of the score is based upon official's judgment and cannot be protested.

26.1.2 The score of a contest is final when the officials have verified the end of the contest.

Game protests must meet the following requirements to be heard:

26.1.1 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, the District Director and the WIAA staff within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest.

26.1.2 Following the contest the school principal or superintendent shall officially lodge the protest in writing. The written protest shall contain the facts, including the specific rule in question. The principal/designee must contact the WIAA office to verify the misapplication or misinterpretation of the rule prior to a ruling by the league, district or a games committee.

26.1.3 Protests during the postseason must be resolved before the resumption of play. For postseason contests refer to the protest procedures in the Bound for State General Regulations **along with Games Committee Responsibilities.**

30.4.1 Players in a 1B or 2B school may participate in a maximum of eight (8) quarters in one (1) day.

Subvarsity players may participate in up to eight (8) quarters in one (1) day, on eight (8) different occasions, provided there is a minimum of 45 minutes rest between contests **and at least two other schools are involved.**

30.5.3 A. Simplified shot clock rule modifications.

~~1. The boys shall utilize a 35-second shot clock.~~

2. ~~The girls shall utilize a 30-second clock shot~~ **shall be utilized**

3. The mid-court division line (over and back) shall be utilized.

4. The 10-second backcourt count shall be in effect ~~for boys, but not for girls.~~

5. Closely guarded violations occur when:

a. A team in its front court (~~boys~~) ~~or on the playing court (girls)~~ controls the balls for five (5) seconds in an area enclosed by screening teammates.

b. A closely guarded player (~~boys~~) anywhere in the front court holds or dribbles the ball for five (5) seconds. This count shall be terminated during an interrupted dribble.

~~A player in control of the ball (girls) but not dribbling, is closely guarded when an opponent is in a guarding stance within six feet. A closely guarded violation shall occur when the player in control of the ball holds the ball for more than five seconds.~~

30.64.1 Middle level basketball players may play in two (2) contests, a total of up to eight (8) quarters, in one (1) day, on four (4) different occasions, provided there is a minimum of 45 minutes rest between contests **and at least two other schools are involved.**

30.65.2 **Seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) graders may participate in a maximum of four (4) quarters in a day** except as in 30.64.1.

30.66.0 **Middle level leagues have the option to utilize all high school shot clock rules or only the 10-second backcourt possession rule.**

35.2.0 PRACTICE – A total of 20 days of summer coaching are allowed, regardless of the number of coaches and/or players involved in any given practice.

35.3.2 A. Contact may be allowed only during one (1) of the two-a-day workouts.

35.6.1 The '1B' schools will be granted a WIAA sponsored state championship played in conjunction with the football championships regardless of the number of teams participating in the state. ~~However, if the number of '1B' teams falls below thirty percent (30%), the '1B' state playoffs will consist of only four (4) teams playing in the semifinal and final games.~~

35.6.2 Eight-person football teams shall play on a full size regulation field.

35.7.0 SIX-PERSON FOOTBALL – Only schools in the 1B classification will be permitted to participate in six-person football. A maximum of 16 players will be allowed to suit up during a contest.

43.5.0 SEASON LIMITATION - INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM - 18 regulation contests are allowed per season. Every contest played, whether in interschool matches, interschool scrimmages, or exhibition contests must count as one (1) of the 18 contests for the team.

- 43.5.1 Exception - A team may play in a maximum of two one day tournaments or one two day tournament and be allowed to count each tournament day as one of their 18 regular season contests.
- Tournament Day Regulations - A combination of sets or matches may not exceed the equivalent of four (4) matches, which is equal to 20 sets. Such a tournament may start the preceding evening if the following conditions are met: Any local team may play the preceding evening contests. (Local area shall be defined as those teams that can travel to the tournament site without requiring overnight lodging.) The tournament will conclude, not to exceed 24 hours from the time it started on the preceding evening. (If the tournament started at 6PM on the first day, it must end by 6PM on the second day.)
- 43.5.2 If an individual or a team chooses to play in more than two (2) invitational tournament days in a season, the team must declare which tournament day counts as one (1) of the 18 contests for the individual or the team. Each opponent played in any subsequent tournament(s) counts as one (1) of the 18 contests for the individual or the team.

43.66.0 PLAYER LIMITATION – An appearance in a match, regardless of the number of sets involved, must count as competing in three (3) sets toward the daily set/match limit.

44.4.1 An individual may wrestle in up to six (6) matches per day.

44.7.2 A student must wrestle a minimum of four (4) contests in interscholastic competition before the qualifying tournament.

- A. A contest won by forfeit does not count in satisfying this requirement.
 B. Any interscholastic contest counts as one (1) of the four (4).

APPENDIX 6 Revised and updated.

APPENDIX 14 Washington hosted the Annual National Federation Sections seven (7) and eight (8) meeting in October of 1985, in 1997 and in September of 2019.
Mike Colbrese retired at the end of the 2018-19 school year after serving as the WIAA Executive Director for 26 years.
Slowpitch softball once again became a recognized WIAA sport, with a separate state championship event held in the fall of 2019-20.

APPENDIX 15 2019-20 Brusklund Award Recipient: **Adolfo Capestany**
 2019-20 Gareth Giles Recipients: **Tom Doyle, Dwayne Johnson, Rich Rouleau**
 2019-20 Jace Malek Award Recipient: **Jon Kinley, Colfax High School**
 WIAA Meritorious Service Award Winner: **Ed Laulainen**

APPENDIX 16 2020-2024 WIAA-WOA Co-Op Agreement

APPENDIX 16.1 2020-21 officials fees

17.5.5 COACHES ARE ALLOW TO COACH ONLY DURING THE SEASON

***Q&A-7:** I coached volleyball in the fall. At the end of the volleyball season, I resigned and coached many of the same players on a club volleyball team. Can I reapply for the high school coaching position again in the fall?*

*NO, when a coach is hired to coach an interscholastic team, that coach has committed to following all WIAA rules throughout the WIAA school year. If you resign, **are terminated, or for whatever reason do not anticipate returning the next year and choose to coach a club team that involves students from that school during the out-of-season time period, you would not be considered for that school's coaching position until at least one calendar year has elapsed since your previous employment with that school.***

~~***Q & A 31:** If we hire a club softball coach for the high school, can she continue coaching the club athletes who also attend our school?*~~

~~*If the club coach was hired after August 1 for that school year, then she may continue her non-school commitment and continue to coach the club athletes up to and through the spring sports season. If any of the club athletes are also students at the school where she is hired to coach, they could continue with the club team coached by that coach, but no new students from that school could be added to the team.*~~

17.15.8 POSTSEASON QUALIFYING EVENTS

***Q&A-1:** Does a league championship tournament where all teams qualify for the district tournament, but that determines only the league champion, meet this rule?*

NO; either teams must be eliminated or the tournament must determine seeding for the district tournament.

18.7.6 ACADEMIC SUSPENSION PERIOD

Q&A-6: *For scholastic eligibility purposes, is it necessary to check eighth grade transcripts for incoming ninth graders?*

YES; students must meet all eligibility standards. The second semester eighth grade transcript is used to determine first semester ninth grade scholastic eligibility.

18.17.0: SIXTH (6TH) GRADE PARTICIPATION

Q&A-1: *Since the rules now allow for sixth graders to participate in all sports except football, is my school required to now include sixth graders in those sports?*

No. Just like your school determines which sports and activities to offer, it will also determine if sixth graders will be allowed to participate with the seventh and eighth grade teams.

Q&A-2: *Because our middle school has an enrollment below 60 in grades 7 and 8, we have always brought sixth graders up. If we continue to do that, do the out-of-season rules now apply to those sixth graders because of this new rule?*

Yes. The out-of-season rules would apply to any and all sixth graders if they participate with the seventh and eighth graders.

Q&A-3: *If the participation numbers in seventh and eighth grade baseball are low, and it is decided to bring sixth graders up to play baseball, does that also mean that they must be brought up for all other sports except football?*

No. With the exception of football, your school has the authority to determine in which sports sixth graders may participate.

Q&A-4: *Will the middle school enrollment be a determining factor in whether or not sixth graders are allowed to participate?*

No. Middle schools of any size may utilize sixth graders in all sports except football.

Q&A-5: *If sixth graders are brought up to participate in softball, does that mean a sixth grader might get more playing time than a seventh or eighth grader?*

Potentially. Playing time is determined by the coach based upon school policies.

Q&A-6: *If my school wants to utilize sixth graders, but my league votes no because the other schools do not want to include sixth graders, is there an avenue for appeal?*

Yes. The school would appeal the decision of the league to the WIAA District Board.

Q&A-7: *Football is offered at my son's middle school and he is will be in sixth grade this year. He has played youth football with many of the same kids for years. Will he be able to join the team with the rest of his friends?*

No. Sixth grade participation is allowed in all sports except football.

Q&A-8: *My daughter's middle school is offering fastpitch to sixth graders. The coach from her traveling team is interested in coaching the team. If the coach is hired, will it affect my daughter's eligibility?*

No. Once the coach is hired by the school, all out-of-season rules outlined in 17.5.0 would apply to the coach. The coach would no longer be able to coach the traveling team during the out-of-season timelines.

Q&A-9: *If my sixth grade son participates in the middle level programs at his school, will that impact his future eligibility?*

No. Provided all other conditions of eligibility are met, your son will have six (6) years of eligibility upon enrollment into the seventh grade.

112 **18.20.0 EIGHTH GRADE PARTICIPATION**

Q&A-6: After an eighth grader has played in a high school basketball game, is she also allowed to play in a middle level basketball game since both are in season?

Yes. Combining the number of games played at the high school level with those played at the middle level, whether concurrently or in one season following by another, each eighth grader can play in a maximum of 80 quarters. **Each middle level game played counts as four quarters, regardless of the number of quarters of actual participation in that game (subtract 4 from the 80 quarter limit for each middle level game played.)**

116 **19.13.0 APPEAL PROCESS FOR EJECTION FROM CONTEST**

Q&A-3: During our contest last night, a player from the other team punched one of our players but it was not seen by the official. We have everything on video tape, can this be reviewed, and the correct suspension handed down to the player?

NO; the WIAA Office will not review a video of an incident to suspend another individual when it was not seen by the official unless it is part of the appeal process for an ejection submitted by that school. The video should be sent to the opposing schools Athletic Director to be reviewed.