

UPDATES MADE TO THE 2021-22 WIAA HANDBOOK SINCE THE ORIGINAL POSTING ON 8/16/21:

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9/26	51	21.5.0, 21.5.4 – procedures to use non-registered officials
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9/7	84, 86	Corrected the start date for Gymnastics
8/30	37	18.16.3 (5 th graders), 18.17.1 (6 th graders), 18.17.5 (6 th graders)
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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 for high school combined programs requires the following steps::*
 - 1. *Verification of each school's enrollment by the WIAA office, and*
 - 2. *Approval of each school board of school(s) involved, and*
 - 3. *Approval of the league(s) involved, and*
 - 4. *Approval of the WIAA District(s) involved, and*
 - 5. *Appropriate action of the WIAA Executive Director.*
 - a. *Any combination for team or individual sports or activities between a 1B, 2B, 1A and/or a 2A school will be permitted provided all steps above have been completed.*
 - b. *A combination between any 1B, 2B, 1A, or 2A school with either a 3A or 4A school must be approved at least through the levels described above in steps 2,3, and 4, and then by the WIAA Executive Director.*
 - c. ~~*Member schools may combine for individual sports for regular season play and coop for postseason play. This option is not available for team sports.*~~
 - d. *Combined programs will not be allowed for team sports or activities for 3A and 4A schools (whether 3A with 3A, 3A with 4A, or 4A with 4A.)*
 - e. *Combined programs will not be allowed for individual sports for post-season play for 3A or 4A schools (whether 3A with 3A, 3A with 4A, or 4A with 4A.)*
 - f. *No competition will be allowed until the WIAA Executive Director has taken the appropriate action.*
 - g. *The WIAA Executive Board will review each action taken by the Executive Director.*
 - h. *Program approval shall coincide with the classification/allocation cycle.*

- 17.26.4 **EXCEPTION FOR HAIR COVERING/DEVICES/ADORNMENT** - For granting exceptions for hair devices due to religious or medical reasons, the head covering/**device/adornment** must comply with the following:
- A. The student-athlete is responsible to insure that the head covering/**device/adornment** 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/**device/adornment** 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.
- 17.27.2 A student may participate in a jamboree the day following eight (8) days of practice **except in bowling or golf which have no minimum practice requirements.**
- 17.27.3 The jamboree may count toward the minimum practice requirement **as the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th or 15th practice.**
- 18.27.6 For aggressive physical contact with an official, ~~the WIAA Executive Director has the authority to suspend the individual~~ **will be suspended** from further competition for a period not to exceed one (1) calendar year.
- 19.13.0 APPEAL PROCESS FOR EJECTION FROM CONTEST** - An appeal of the penalty shall proceed as follows:
- 19.13.1 Ejections resulting from a misinterpretation or misapplication on the part of the ejecting contest official(s) may be appealed.
- A. The principal/designee of the ejected person must contact the WIAA administrative staff within one (1) school business day after the conclusion of the contest in which the ejection occurred to verify a misapplication or misinterpretation of the rule. Providing the WIAA administrative staff finds a misapplication or misinterpretation of the rule, the principal/designee may appeal the suspension to the school's league.
If the school is not a member of a league, the appeal will be filed directly with the District Board.
 - ~~B. The principal or designee may stay the suspension, but may not vacate the ejection, and will report his/her decision and rationale to the school's league. If there are less than two (2) school business days prior to the next contest for that individual, the league or district Games Committee will review and rule upon the appeal.~~
 - C. The hearing procedures, as outlined in 27.0.0, shall be followed. The league shall review and either affirm **or deny** the ~~decision~~ **appeal** of the principal/designee/**or the decision of the Games Committee** with the understanding that the one (1) contest suspension shall not be assessed ~~or overrule the decision of the principal/designee, whereby~~ **or** the ejected person shall be required to serve the one (1) contest suspension. Any league action shall be in writing and specify the reasons for the league decision. Failure of a school for any reason to enforce the regulation and/or decision of the league will be considered a school violation.
 - D. For tournaments, qualifying and/or state events any appeal will 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.
 - E. Providing the Games Committee (refer to 19.13.3) finds misapplication or misinterpretation of a rule, the penalty may be vacated.
 - F. Failure of the school to enforce the regulation or decision will result in the disqualification from and forfeiture of all remaining contests of that event. Due process procedures of the WIAA Handbook and Rule Violations and Penalties will apply to any further action.
 - G. The severity of the penalty for the second ejection or for aggressive physical contact may be appealed to the WIAA Executive Director upon presentation of rationale and written documentation signed by the WIAA member school principal or superintendent desiring and supporting penalty modification within two (2) school business days after the conclusion of the contest in which the ejection occurred.

Renumber 20.5.0 to 20.3.0

20.5.0 COACHES EDUCATION COMPLIANCE - Only paid and/or volunteer coaches who have met the coaches standards are eligible to coach or be involved in a practice or competition.

If a school district has more restrictive coaching standards, the coach will be held to the more restrictive standard.

20.4.2 Annually complete the WIAA general rules clinic and the WIAA approved rule clinic for the sport being coached ~~prior to the end of the third week of the sports season.~~

21.5.0 PROCEDURE TO USE NON-REGISTERED OFFICIALS – **After all attempts to reschedule a contest have failed**, should schools find it necessary to use non-registered officials, permission may be granted. In such event, application must be made to the WIAA Executive Director well in advance of the date of the contest.

21.5.1 The required procedure for requesting use of non-registered official is as follows:

- A. Date of contest(s) and officials to be used should accompany the request.
- B. Documented consent of the other school approving the officials to be used should be obtained in advance of the contest(s).
- C. Request sent to the WIAA Executive Director in advance of the contest.

21.5.2 In emergency situations when (1) An official's association/board is unable to supply officials for a particular schedule or individual contest, or (2) the scheduled official fails to show up, an official may be selected from a pool of individuals who have met the following criteria:

- A. Passed the current WOA rules test for that particular sport; or
- B. Completed the WIAA/WOA online rules clinic for that particular sport.

21.5.3 Requests to use non-registered officials will not be approved when rationale for such a request is based solely on finances. The responsibility and liability for selection and use of any non-registered official, as an employee of the school, become that of the school.

21.5.4 Middle level schools may request permission to utilize non-registered officials. The request must be approved by both the WIAA and WOA Executive Boards.

- A. If approved by the WIAA, the WOA and the league, individual schools may opt to schedule non-registered officials for any contest.
- ~~B. In the event that scheduled officials (registered or non-registered) fail to show up for contests, non-registered officials, including personnel in attendance at the contest, may be used with the approval of both coaches and/or athletic directors.~~

22.2.8.A NOTE: Geographical distance is determined by the actual miles traveled on local/county/state roads between the outermost school in each of the districts involved.