

- 9.8.0 COMMITTEE MINUTES** - A summary of each committee meeting will be written and sent to each committee member, the WIAA Executive Board and the WIAA District Directors.

COMMUNICATION ARTS AND LEADERSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS

10.0.0 RULES GOVERNING THE SANCTIONING PROCESS FOR INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL FINE ARTS CONTESTS

PHILOSOPHY OF SANCTIONING PROCESS: *As a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations, the WIAA supports the Federation's goals of promoting uniformity of standards in interstate activities, protecting students and schools from exploitation by special interest groups and providing a clear channel of communication for member state associations.*

- 10.1.0** WIAA, being a member in good standing of the National Federation of State High School Associations, accepts the rules of the organization, as now or hereinafter amended, for all intrastate, interstate (including Canada and Mexico) and international contests. Member school districts must observe the following important rules governing these contests:
- 10.1.1 For all intrastate contests, meets and tournaments, regardless of the number of schools involved, each participating school must obtain permission to attend from their local school board.
 - 10.1.2 In all interstate contests, meets and tournaments, each participating school shall follow the contest, meet and tournament rules of the state association of which it is a member, or rules which have been approved by the state association for interstate competition.

11.0.0 STANDARDS FOR COMMUNICATION ARTS AND LEADERSHIP INTERSCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

- 11.1.0 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS** - A student, in order to participate in interscholastic forensics, music, or theatre/drama programs, shall:
- 11.1.1 Be enrolled and in regular attendance in a member school (a student is a "regular member" of a school if he/she is enrolled half time or more);
 - 11.1.2 Be a participant in a school designated or organized school activity;
 - 11.1.3 Represent only the school that the student regularly attends for interscholastic meets, contests and tournaments unless that student meets the requirement of Article 18.5.3;
 - 11.1.4 Not have graduated from any four or three-year high school;
 - 11.1.5 Season limitations, as outlined in Article 18.14.0, apply;
 - 11.1.6 If a school district has more restrictive eligibility standards, the student will be held to both the WIAA and the school district standards.
- 11.2.0 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS - CHEERLEADING OR DANCE/DRILL**
- 11.2.1 In order to try out for a cheerleading or dance/drill squad, a student must be a member of the school and have a valid physical form on file with the school.
 - 11.2.2 In order to participate in interscholastic cheerleading or dance/drill programs, a student shall meet and maintain both local school standards and WIAA eligibility requirements as listed in Article 18, with the exception of Article 18.11.0 (transferring students) and Article 18.22.0 (concurrent season.)

12.0.0 CHEERLEADING AS AN ACTIVITY

PHILOSOPHY OF CHEERLEADING PROGRAMS: *The WIAA provides member schools with the opportunity to offer cheerleading as either an activity or as a sport. This article outlines cheerleading as an activity; refer to the specific sport rules for cheerleading as a sport.*

- 12.1.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS** - The WIAA member schools shall follow the NFHS Spirit Safety Rules.
- 12.1.1 **Waiver of Standards** - Waiver of any safety standards or regulations by member school shall be considered a school violation whether for an individual or group of cheerleaders.
NFHS Spirit Rule 2-2-3 Addition: Members of a cheer squad involved in stunting, including bases, fliers and spotters, shall wear their hair away from the face and off the shoulders.
Nonskid surface mats are required for performing basket tosses and other similar multi-base tosses on a hard surface and must be a minimum of 6' x 8'. (Folding panel mats and yoga mats are not acceptable nor appropriate).
 - 12.1.2 The practice regulations and minimum practice requirements are determined by school district policy.
- 12.2.0 SEASONS**
- 12.2.1 The cheerleading season will begin on the same WIAA adopted date for fall sports, or other beginning date as established by the local school district, and end on the last day of school or other ending date established by the local school district.

12.2.2 The winter season is designated as the competitive season for cheerleading and will conclude with the State Cheerleading Championships.

12.2.3 MAXIMUM FEE FOR REGULAR SEASON COMPETITIONS - \$250.00 is the maximum amount that host schools can charge for regular season competitions.

12.3.0 COACHES STANDARDS - Cheerleading coaches/advisors must meet the WIAA Coaching Requirements.

12.4.0 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHEERLEADERS – Only school district accepted cheers should be used at the appropriate times. Cheers or yells with degrading opponent implications and profanity must be avoided. Megaphones and other cheerleading equipment are not permitted in the student rooting section. Cheerleader’s actions, responsibility, acceptance, and control of student sections will be evaluated and scored as contributing to sportsmanship awards also.

12.5.0 CROWD CONTROL – One of the prime functions of interscholastic competition is to foster the traits of good sportsmanship. WIAA urges local school administrators to stress to their athletes, student bodies and fans the importance of sportsmanlike conduct and the rules of crowd control during all WIAA contests.

Being the most recognizable representatives of a school, cheerleaders are in a position of great influence over a crowd. The cheerleaders can really set the tone for their crowd and should promote positive sportsmanship, ethics and integrity at all times.

Cheerleading activities should center on the leading or directing the cheering of student and adult fans. In this role, cheerleaders can become the school’s most effective student leaders. Cheerleading activities should be focused on creating a cooperative spirit among the cheerleader squads, athletes, student bodies, school administrators and community, recognizing outstanding plays and examples of good sportsmanship on the part of both teams, and aiding the game officials in the promotion of good sportsmanship and the administration of the contest.

12.6.0 QUALIFICATION STANDARDS FOR STATE CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIPS – The qualification standards and requirements for the state cheerleading championships are outlined in the Cheerleading Bound for State Regulations.

13.0.0 DANCE/DRILL TEAMS AS AN ACTIVITY

***PHILOSOPHY OF DANCE/DRILL PROGRAMS:** The WIAA provides member schools with the opportunity to offer dance/drill as either an activity or as a sport. This article outlines dance/drill as an activity; refer to the specific sport rules for dance/drill as a sport.*

13.1.0 SEASONS

13.1.1 The Dance/Drill season will begin on the same WIAA adopted date for fall sports, or other beginning date as established by the local school district, and end on the last day of school or other ending date established by the local school district.

13.1.2 The winter season is designated as the competitive season for Dance/Drill.

13.1.3 MAXIMUM FEE FOR REGULAR SEASON COMPETITIONS - \$250.00 is the maximum amount that host schools can charge for regular season competitions

13.2.0 QUALIFICATION STANDARDS FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – The qualification standards and requirements for the state dance/drill championships are outlined in the Dance/Drill Bound for State Regulations.

13.3.0 SPECIAL EVENTS - Half time shows, community activities and parades are to be considered special events.

13.4.1 During an activity, all groups shall be under the supervision of an advisor/coach or school authorized designee.

13.4.2 Entry and participation in special events must be approved by the school district.

13.4.3 A school may accept cash and/or any award for participating in a special event if the school authorizes such award (Also refer to the WIAA handbook rules regarding amateur standing).

13.4.0 RULES – NFHS Spirit Rules apply.

13.5.0 The responsibility and liability of summer and/or out-of-season activities are those of the local school districts and sponsoring individual(s) or organizations.

13.6.0 Attendance at any sanctioned WIAA and WSDCA sponsored clinic or camp during the season is permissible.

13.7.0 COACHES STANDARDS – Dance and Drill Coaches/Advisors must meet the WIAA Coaching Requirements (Article 23.0.0).

14.0.0 FORENSICS (DEBATE)

14.1.0 SEASON LIMITATION - Debate competition shall begin NFHS Week 17 and end with the State Debate Tournament.

14.1.1 *Special Regulations*

Practice Outings
Week 15

Competition Season
Week 17 to Debate Tournament
Debate Tournament

**Standardized calendar week, Appendix 9*

Competition limit
2 Practice Outings
20 Competitive Outings

- 14.2.0 SCHOOL LIMITATION** - Participation within each WIAA District or in practice competition within the specific season shall be at the discretion of each District Forensic (Debate) Committee.
- 14.2.1 Middle level school students are excluded from consideration for state tournament competition.
 - 14.2.2 Each school may participate in two (2) practice debate outings and twenty (20) competitive outings (individual district league competition) in one regular academic season, with such limitation not to include the state tournament.
 - 14.2.3 Practice debate outings shall begin after October 15 and may be scheduled for each half of the season.
 - 14.2.4 A practice outing is one in which no records are kept, no decisions are made, and consists of no more than three (3) rounds.
 - 14.2.5 A school may not exceed twenty (20) competitive outings per academic season. However, schools wishing to attend a competition between March 31 and June 1 may petition the WIAA Executive Board.
 - 14.2.6 School, league and/or district outings for competition shall not start any round after 9:00 p.m., nor shall sponsors of Invitational Forensics Tournaments within Washington start any round after 9:00 p.m.
- 14.3.0 DIRECTORS MEMBERS OF FACULTY** - No school group or individual contestant shall be eligible to represent a school in a contest or meet unless the director/coach is at least a part-time employee of the school district in which they teach and the holder of a valid certificate to teach in the State of Washington.
- 14.4.0 SPECIAL CERTIFICATES FOR TEACHERS** - When regularly certificated teachers are unavailable, school officials may apply to the State Board of Education for special certification for teachers of specialized subjects. The issuance of consultant special certificates is limited to (a) person highly qualified and experienced in field of knowledge taught in the common schools, (b) instructional functions other than regular teaching, or (c) persons who are identified as possessing competencies in specified fields and who are assigned instructional responsibility for intramural/interscholastic activities which are part of the district-approved program. Such certificates are issued to individuals who are screened by local school district or educational service district superintendents using criteria approved by the State Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The certificate is valid for two (2) years only for the activity specified [WAC 180-80-250(2)].
- 14.5.0 SUPERVISION OF GROUPS/CONTESTANTS** - During the activity, all contestants/groups shall be under the supervision of a school district staff member as defined above in these Rules and Regulations. Schools may meet this requirement by having both principals and coaches of the participating school fill out the WSFA/WIAA form to have the director/coach of one school supervise the other participating school's group/contestants at that particular tournament.
- 14.6.0 COMMUNICATION WITH WIAA** - The presidents of the affiliated professional organizations shall submit to the Executive Director a roster of state officers, state committees and district officers upon their election or selection to office.
- 14.7.0 COMMUNICATION WITH FORENSIC ORGANIZATIONS** - The Executive Director will submit the list of committee members and WIAA District committee members to the president of the appropriate state professional organization.
- 14.8.0 WIAA DISTRICT ORGANIZATION** - The schools of the state participating in Forensics (Debate) will be divided into Activity Districts by WIAA. WIAA Districts may be subdivided or joined with contiguous WIAA Districts on approval of WIAA District Boards and the WIAA Executive Board.
- 14.9.0 INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS** - An invitational tournament is defined as a tournament that includes schools from more than one WIAA District, is held at an accredited school, college or university, and presents awards to winning contestants.
- 14.9.1 Each tournament shall agree to use two high school debate coaches in an advisory capacity.
 - 14.9.2 The debate question to be used at each tournament shall be the official question adopted by the Washington State Forensics Association. The tournament director shall make no revisions or interpretation of the official debate question.
 - 14.9.3 Each Tournament Manager shall agree to abide by the recommendations of the WSFA regarding time limits and patterns for Debate.
 - 14.9.4 Schools outside the 50-mile radius of the school sponsoring an invitational tournament need furnish only one judge unless a school commutes to the tournament.
- 14.10.0 STATE TOURNAMENTS** - A State Debate Tournament and a State Individual Events Tournament will be held jointly under the auspices of the WIAA and the Washington State Forensics Association (WSFA).
- 14.10.1 The primary operation of the tournament shall be the responsibility of the WSFA and of the speech department of the college sponsoring the tournament.
 - 14.10.2 Tournament site and date are selected and announced each year.
 - 14.10.3 The executive boards of the Washington Forensics Association and the WIAA must approve the competition rules which are published annually in the Bound for State Forensics Regulations.
 - 14.10.4 Allocations to the state tournament are made in accordance with the allocation formula and shall be applied each even-numbered year.

15.0.0 MUSIC

- 15.1.0 DIRECTORS MEMBERS OF FACULTY** - No school group or individual contestant shall be eligible to represent a school in a contest or meet unless the director/coach is at least a part-time employee of the school district in which they teach and the holder of a valid certificate to teach in the State of Washington.
- Special certificates for teachers** - When regularly certificated teachers are unavailable, school official may apply to the State Board of education for special certification for teachers of specialized subjects. The issuance of consultant special certificates is limited to (a) persons highly qualified and experienced in fields of knowledge taught in the common schools, (b) instructional functions other than regular teaching, or (c) persons who are identified as possessing competencies in specified fields and who are assigned instructional responsibility for intramural/interscholastic activities which are part of the district-approved program. Such certificates are issued to individuals who are screened by local school district or educational service district superintendents using criteria approved by the State Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Certificate is valid for two (2) years only for the activity specified [WAC 180-250(2)].
- 15.2.0 SUPERVISION OF GROUPS/CONTESTANTS** - During the activity, all contestants/groups shall be under the supervision of a school district staff member.
- 15.3.0 COMMUNICATION WITH WIAA** - The presidents of the Washington Music Educators Association and other appropriate professional organizations shall submit to the Executive Director a roster of state officers, state committees and district officers upon their election or selection to office.
- 15.4.0 WIAA COMMUNICATION WITH MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS** - The Executive Director will submit the list of committee members and WIAA District Committee members to the president of the appropriate state professional organization.
- 15.5.0 TRAVEL LIMITATION** - All events in which school musicians participate shall be subject to the WIAA District or school district rules.
- 15.6.0 CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS** - The classification of schools for interscholastic music contest purposes will be the same as used in athletics.
- 15.7.0 JUDGING** - Sponsors of non-school music events should refer to their local music directors for suggestions of qualified judges.
- 15.8.0 AWARDS** - A school may accept cash and/or any award for participating in a community activity.
- 15.9.0 WIAA DISTRICT ORGANIZATION** - The schools of the state participating in Music will be divided into Activity Districts. WIAA Districts may be subdivided or joined with contiguous WIAA Districts on approval of WIAA District Boards and the WIAA Executive Board.
- 15.10.0 STATE SOLO and ENSEMBLE CONTESTS** - The State Solo and Ensemble Contests will be held jointly under the auspices of the WIAA and WMEA.
- 15.10.1 The primary operation of the contest shall be the responsibility of the WMEA.
 - 15.10.2 Contest site and dates are selected and announced each year.
 - 15.10.3 The executive boards of the WMEA and the WIAA must approve the competition rules which are published annually in the Bound for State Music Regulations.
 - 15.10.4 Allocations to the contests are made in accordance to WIAA Executive Board policy.

16.0.0 THEATRE/DRAMA

- 16.1.0 SEASON** - Theatre/Drama activities may begin on the first day of school for students and shall end on the last day of school for students, unless otherwise approved by the local school board.
- 16.1.1 Sanctioned events include the Washington State Thespian Conference, Northwest Drama Conference Region #9.
 - 16.1.2 The Washington State High School Theatre Festival will be sponsored by WATE, and sanctioned by WIAA, with certificates provided by WIAA.
 - 16.1.3 A list of the yearly Theatre/Drama invitationals, festivals and conferences in each district are reviewed and compiled by the Theatre/Drama Committee at their annual meeting. A published list of events is available to member schools. All other events in which school theatre/drama students participate shall be subject to the WIAA District or school district rules.
- 16.2.0 DIRECTORS MEMBERS OF FACULTY** - No school group or individual contestant shall be eligible to represent the school in a contest or meet unless the director/coach is at least a part-time employee of the school district in which he/she teaches and the holder of a valid certificate to teach in the state of Washington.

Special Certificates for Teachers - When regularly certified teachers are unavailable, school officials may apply to the State Board of Education for special certification for special certification for teachers of specialized subjects. The issuance of consultant special certifications is limited to (a) persons highly qualified and experienced in fields of knowledge taught in the common schools, (b) instructional functions other than regular teaching or (c) persons who are identified as possessing competencies in specified fields and who are assigned instructional responsibility for intramural/interscholastic activities which are part of the district-approved program. Such certificates are issued to individuals who are screened by local school district or educational service district superintendents using criteria approve by the State Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction, The certificate is valid for two (2) years only for the activity specified [WAC 180-80-250(2)].

- 16.3.0 SUPERVISION OF GROUPS/CONTESTANTS** - During the activity, all groups/contestants shall be under the supervision of a school district staff member.
- 16.4.0 COMMUNICATION WITH WIAA** - The State Director to Thespians and the presidents of WATE and other appropriate professional organizations shall submit to the Executive Director a roster of state officers, state committee and district officers upon their election or selection to office.
- 16.5.0 WIAA COMMUNICATION WITH THEATRE/DRAMA ORGANIZATIONS** - The WATE and Thespian Executive Boards are advisory board to the WIAA Executive Board.
- 16.6.0 JUDGING** - Sponsors of theatre/drama events should refer to WIAA for suggestions for qualified judges. WIAA may facilitate a clinic for adjudicators from the theatre community.
- 16.7.0 AWARDS** - A school may accept cash and/or any award for participating in a community activity.

SPORT RULES AND REGULATIONS

17.0.0 GENERAL SPORT RULES

PHILOSOPHY OF GENERAL SPORT RULES: *As with all of the rules and regulations of the Association the general rules and regulations for sports are adopted by the membership via their representation on the WIAA on the WIAA Representative Assembly.*

- 17.1.0 SCHOOL YEAR** - The school year is defined as August 1 until the final spring state tournament has been completed (high school) or until after the completion of the final sports season (middle level).
- 17.2.0 IN SEASON - DEFINITION** - In season will be the first day of turnouts for that sport and will conclude with the final day of the state event for that sport in that classification at the high school level or a maximum of twelve consecutive weeks as determined by the league at the middle level.
 - 17.2.1 In the absence of a sport being offered by the middle level school, a maximum of twelve (12) consecutive weeks as determined by the school board within the high school season dates shall apply.
 - 17.2.2 The first day of the fall sports season is the first allowable practice date for all fall sports except high school football.
- 17.3.0 ALTERNATE SEASON - DEFINITION** - An alternate season is a sports season other than the regular sports season designated by the WIAA Executive Board. The alternate season must not exceed the same number of weeks as the regular season in that sport.
 - 17.3.1 If the established sports seasons do not meet local needs (e.g. because of climate, facilities, availability of coaches) a school or group of schools may petition the WIAA Executive Board for the establishment of an alternate sport season.
 - 17.3.2 When individuals/teams play in the alternate season and at least one individual qualifies for postseason qualifying events in that sport, the individuals/teams are required to have a minimum of ten (10) days of practice prior to any subsequent competition. Practices are not required in golf, but are allowed. These practices (including golf) may start no sooner than twenty (20) school days prior to round one of the state golf tournament. Each member of the team is allowed to practice. Schools may schedule two (2) contests after the first ten (10) practice days provided these contests would not exceed the total yearly limitation. Only players that have had ten (10) days of practice may take part in these contests.
 - 17.3.3 During the additional practice period all regular rules and regulations apply.
 - 17.3.4 Contests that are conducted during an alternate season must meet all regulations pertaining to that sport.
- 17.4.0 POSTSEASON CONTESTS** - Postseason contests are those contests held in order to qualify for State Tournament and are played after the regular season has terminated.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE OUT-OF-SEASON REGULATIONS: *The out-of-season regulations are established to limit the involvement of the school and school coach to the WIAA designated season, thereby providing student athletes the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities during the school year and ensuring that each school has an equal opportunity to provide fair competition.*

- 17.5.0 OUT-OF-SEASON - DEFINITION** – Out-of-season is that time during which paid or volunteer coaches cannot coach present or future squad members.