



- 4.1.2 A school's classification is determined by the average monthly enrollment from January 1 through May 1, October 1 and twice the November 1 count of odd-numbered years and will be the basis for classification for the next four years. **The next four-year cycle will begin with the 2020-21 school year.**

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 shall be considered 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. The process of approval **of high school 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. Any configuration of classifications of member schools may combine for individual sports for regular season play and coop for post season 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.
- C. The combined teams' classification is determined by combining the enrollments of the schools.
1. The total 9-11 grade enrollment of the schools involved will determine the classification for that sport.
 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.
- D. Either school district may terminate the program(s) providing written notification is given.
- E. The WIAA Office must be notified at the start of each classification cycle regarding the status of each program.
- F. The process of approval **of middle school 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**

- 4.8.0 COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS - DEFINITION** - Students from more than one WIAA member school sharing resources, but competing as representatives of their home school in individual sports/activities.
- A. The WIAA Executive Director is authorized to coordinate all requests for cooperative programs, contingent upon written confirmation of approval from both school districts, league (s), and WIAA District(s).
 - B. Following the determination of classifications, approval for the cooperative program will be for the next two (2) year classification period.
 - C. Either school district may terminate the program(s) providing notification is given prior to January 1 of the year preceding the termination of the program(s).
 - D. The WIAA Office must be notified annually on the status of each program via the WIAA membership form.
 - ~~E. Wrestling - An outing involving a cooperative wrestling program will equal one (1) team date (also refer to the wrestling player/match limitation.) (Board approved 3/17/19)~~
 - F. Individuals score separately for their representative school.

4.8.3 The initial appeal must be filed no later than ~~January 10~~ **the second Friday in January** of the classification year.

7.4.0 DUE DATE FOR AMENDMENTS - The completed form must be submitted to the WIAA office by the second Friday in ~~December~~ **January**.

8.0.0 WIAA EXECUTIVE BOARD

*PHILOSOPHY OF THE WIAA EXECUTIVE BOARD: Every organization needs to identify the process for the democratic selection of Executive leaders who are dedicated to serving the general membership within the framework of the established goals and defined responsibilities of their office. **Nine (9)** members of the WIAA Executive Board are elected from the WIAA membership **and the four (4) at-large members are selected by the Executive Board**, giving them a mandate to administer the policies of the association and make decisions that are in the best interest of the entire state.*

8.2.1 Four at-large members shall be selected in order to provide female, ethnic, race and geographic representation on the Executive Board. Each region will have one at-large representative, with the fourth at-large representative selected from any of the districts by the following schedule:; Region A in 2020; and Region B and Region C in 2021. 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; the state-wide ~~at-large~~ **combined district** representative in 2022; all Districts are represented by the state-wide ~~at-large~~ **combined district** position.

~~9.6.0 COMMITTEE LISTINGS~~ A list of WIAA standing committees and their members shall be distributed in the annual packet sent to all member schools or may be obtained by contacting the WIAA office.

~~11.3.0 COACHES~~ A school appointed coach, or another appointed member of the school faculty, must accompany any school team (or individual) at any time in connection with school sponsored interscholastic competition.

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

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14.1.1 Changed October 15 to NFHS Week 15

14.10.4 Allocations to the state tournament are made in accordance with the allocation formula and shall be ~~determined on a two (2)-year basis to coincide with the classification cycle~~ **applied each even-numbered year**.

- 17.5.8.C C.** Public School District defined: The school district for public schools is defined by public school boundaries.
1. If a school district has specific boundaries for its high school(s) and middle school(s), a high school coach may coach students in the high school and the middle school(s) that feed directly to the high school only during their designated season (when the high school and middle level programs overlap or if that coach ~~is contracted~~ **has a written agreement with the school district to coach** at both the high school and middle level) or during the summer.
- 17.7.0 OFF SEASON CONDITIONING** - A member school may organize and supervise an off season 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
- 17.12.4** Practice shall be limited to each sports season as defined under each sport. ~~Practices in one (1) sport cannot be transferred toward the number of practices required in another sport.~~ **Up to five (5) practices from one (1) sport except football may be transferred to another sport in the same season provided practice in the succeeding sport begins immediately following the last practice in the previous sport.**
- 17.14.1 HIGH SCHOOL** - Individuals or teams representing a member high school in an interscholastic athletic contest may compete only against teams or individuals from (a) another WIAA member **high** school; (b) Out-of-state schools which are members of state high school associations that belong to the National Federation; and (c) Alumni **or teachers** of that school.
- 17.14.2 MIDDLE LEVEL** - Individuals or teams representing a member middle level school in an interscholastic athletic contest may compete only against teams or individuals from (a) another WIAA member middle level school; (b) Out-of-state middle level schools which are members of state high school associations that belong to the National Federation; and (c) Alumni **or teachers** of that school.
- 17.15.0 CONTEST LIMITATION** - Any athletic practice or contest involving participants from at least two (2) different schools, or more than 50 percent of the number required for full participation in any sport by any non-interscholastic team, or any ~~adult~~ **alumni** team is considered a game, meet, match, or scrimmage and must count as a contest toward the maximum number of allowable contests for the team and individual in that sport.
- 17.26.2D.** 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.
- 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:
- 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.
- 18.14.4** A student who has been ~~defined as developmentally disabled~~ **identified as receiving special education services** 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.
- 18.23.4 Penalties**
- A. **If a school gives students special treatment or privileges, the school must report the violation to its league to determine appropriate penalties.**
 - B. Penalties assessed to the student for violating this rule are determined by the local school district.
- 18.24.0.D.** Accept payment of expense allowances over the actual and necessary expenses for the athletic trip (NOTE: Entry fees **and payment for lost wages** are not considered a reimbursable expense.)

18.27.3 The first ejection of the season shall result, at a minimum, in the ejected person (student, coach, other school representative) being ineligible until after the next school contest in that sport at the same level of competition from which the person was ejected **has been completed**.

18.27.4 Added carryover of suspension into next season

Beginning with the 2020-21 School year, this Equitable Entry into Post Season Policy will replace WIAA handbook rule 22.1.1

1. The size of the number of entries into the state tournament would be determined by the number of schools 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
53-68	16
37-52	12
20-36	8
19 or less	Combined with the smallest classification above or below

29.5.4.C. Violations of the pitch count rule are considered in the same manner as a school

29.65.4.C using an ineligible player. Unless finishing the at bat, the pitcher becomes ineligible to pitch when the maximum daily limit is reached.

29.62.0 (baseball), 30.62.0 (basketball), 33.62.0 (cross country), 35.62.0 (football), 36.62.0 (golf), 37.62.0 (gymnastics), 38.63.0 (soccer), 39.62.0 (softball), 41.62.0 (tennis), 42.61.0 (track and field), 43.62.0 (volleyball), 44.62.0 (wrestling).

SEASON – The starting date is determined by each league but no middle level season may start before the date established for senior high school fall sports **and may not exceed 12 weeks.**

29.67.1 ~~BAT SPECIFICATIONS – The WIAA Executive Board approved an exception to NFHS baseball rule 1-3-2-d, allowing 5 and 7 bats without the BBCOR stamp to be legal at the middle level.~~ **Any bat with the USA emblem is approved for middle level baseball.**

29.67.3 Middle Level leagues may utilize 80-foot base paths and a 54-foot distance from the front edge of the pitching rubber to the front point of home plate.

29.7.0 SUSPENDED CONTEST - In State tournament play (regionals, semi-finals, and finals), any contest called by the umpire before it can be considered a regulation game according to NFHS rules shall be a suspended contest and will be continued at a later time as follows:

29.7.1 The contest shall continue from the point of suspension.

29.7.2 The lineup ~~pitch count~~ and batting order of each team will remain exactly the same as when the contest was suspended. **The pitch count is a daily limit and must meet the limitation above.**

30.3.2 Each **1A, 2A, 3A or 4A** varsity squad is allowed to schedule and to participate in only one (1) contest per day.

30.3.3 Each 1B or 2B varsity squad is allowed to schedule and to participate in two (2) contest in one (1) day, on eight (8) different occasions, provided there is a minimum of 45 minutes rest between contests and at least two (2) other schools are involved.

30.3.4 Each subvarsity squad **from any classification** is allowed to schedule and to participate in two (2) contests 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.

30.4.0 PLAYER LIMITATION – ~~Each player may play in 20 contests, but in doing so, may not exceed 80 quarters.~~ Any appearance in a quarter, regardless of the length of time played, shall be considered as one (1) quarter. This is interpreted as meaning when a player is beckoned onto the floor and the ball becomes alive, that the player has participated in one (1) quarter.

30.5.0 moved to 39.65.0 COUNTING QUARTERS AND CONTESTS:

- 30.5.1 Four (4) quarters played against the same squad is one (1) contest.
- 30.5.2 Four (4) quarters played against the same school, same day, different squads (i.e., varsity and junior varsity squads) is one (1) contest.
- 30.5.3 Four (4) quarters played against the same school, different days during the same week, different squads (i.e., varsity on Tuesday, junior varsity on Thursday) is one (1) contest.
If a player exceeds four (4) quarters, that player is considered to have participated in two (2) contests (one (1) contest on each day).
- 30.5.4 A total of four (4) quarters played against two (2) different schools, same day, and different squads is one (1) contest.
- 30.5.5 One (1) or more quarters played against two (2) different schools, different days during the same week, different squads would be two (2) contests.
- ~~30.5.6 Postseason games do not count against the game or quarterly season limitation.~~
- ~~30.5.7 FIFTH (5th) QUARTER - A fifth (5th) quarter may be played only by freshmen basketball squads following the regular contest. The 5th quarter is for players who were not starters and who played in three (3) quarters or less of the regular contest.~~

30.66.0 RULEBOOK - The NFHS rules modifications at the high school level apply.

~~Leagues have the option to utilize the NFHS ten (10) second backcourt possession rule, rather than follow the shot clock operations.~~

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35.5.4 FIFTH (5th) QUARTER - A fifth (5th) quarter may be played ~~only by freshmen~~ **subvarsity** football squads following the regular contest. The fifth (5th) quarter is for players who were not starters and played in three (3) quarters or less of the regular contest.

43.7.0 **WARM-UPS:** Warm-up procedures for all regular and postseason contests will be the same as the warm-up procedures included in the Bound for State Volleyball Regulations adopted for the State Championships.

Appendix 15 - 2019 Gareth Giles recipients: Mike Colbrese, Greg Ericson, Wendy Malich, Jim Meyerhoff, Rick Wells

JACE MALEK MEMORIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Given at the discretion of the WIAA Board president, the award honors the memory of former West Valley High School (Spokane) student athlete Jace Malek, who lost his life to cancer while a student at the University of Idaho. Known for his strong, positive attitude and work ethic, Malek's high energy and spirit influenced fellow students and teammates throughout his short life.

Students selected for this award should be known for their actions that reinforce healthy culture, a strong, fair, competitive spirit, and an infectious love of life. These actions should include but not be limited to someone who

1. Embraces the values of teamwork and fair competition;
2. Reaches out to help others whether in the competitive arena or in everyday life;
3. Is supported by the school administration and coaches/advisors;
4. May have overcome personal or environmental challenges.

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Q & A-32: ~~If the high school coach is a brother, sister, or any other relative of an athlete on the team, can that coach coach his brother/sister his/her relative during the out-of-season time period?~~
NO; ~~only~~ parents may coach only their own child individually during the out-of-season time period.

Q&A-13: *Since participation in physical education classes cannot count as a practice, could the coach schedule a team practice before school?*

YES; practices may be conducted prior to, or after, the school day.

Q&A-6: *The football team at my school is in the playoffs. Several of the football players also play basketball. After the basketball season begins and while the team is still involved in the football playoffs, if the basketball coach holds a morning practice and the football coach holds an afternoon practice, can the morning practice count toward the minimum practice requirement for basketball?*

YES, provided the practice was scheduled for the entire team, and not just the football players who also play basketball.

Q&A-7: *If players on a football team that is still in the playoffs beyond the start of the basketball season also participate in two basketball practices, then miss the next four basketball practices due to conflicts with football practice or games, does the interruption of pre-contest rule (17.12.10) apply?*

No, since the players continued to practice with the football team during the overlap, 17.12.10 would not apply.

Q&A-8: *How many practices are required of players on a football team that is still in the playoffs beyond the start of the basketball season?*

Whether the player participates in one, two, or more practices during the football-basketball overlap, the player is required to participate in the first basketball practice following the conclusion of that team's football season, and a minimum of five (5) practices must be completed before the player can participate in a basketball game.

Q&A-9: *If the softball program is cancelled by the school midway through the season, could a student waive up to one-half of the required practices in order to participate in track and field?*

Yes, since the program was cancelled by the school and the other sport is held during the same season.

Q&A-3: *As a 1B school, if eighth graders are brought up to play high school basketball, are they restricted to the junior varsity team?*

No, your school has the authority to determine not only if eighth graders will be brought up to play at the high school, but on which team (varsity or junior varsity) each will play.

Q&A-4: *As a 2B school with an enrollment of 98, are we required to bring up eighth graders to play high school basketball even if there are enough high school participants to field both a varsity and junior varsity team?*

With an enrollment of 104 or below, 18.20.0 allows for eighth graders to play at the high school level, but each school determines whether or not to utilize eighth graders.

Q&A-5: *As a 2B school with an enrollment of 115, can we bring up eighth graders to fill in some of the lower weight classes in high school wrestling?*

In a 2B school with an enrollment of 115, eighth graders could wrestle on the high school team only with league approval and only if wrestling was not offered at the middle level.

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 10 games at the middle level and 40 quarters at the high school level during the regular season. The player is limited to 80 total quarters for the combined middle level and high school regular season.

Q&A-7: *Since high school players can now participate in up to 80 quarters in a season, regardless of the number of games in which they enter, does the same hold true for eighth graders playing both at the middle level and the high school level?*

No. Quarters are counted at the high school level, but games are counted at the middle level. If a student plays in only one quarter of a middle level basketball game, he/she has "used up" four (4) quarters at the high school level.

Q&A-8: *With league approval, eighth graders can participate on the high school basketball team if the participation numbers are at 16 or below. Does that also mean that the team is limited to suit up only 16 players per game?*

No. There is no limit on the number of players who can participate in any regular season game. The roster is limited to 12 players during the postseason.

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~~**Q&A-9:** *I play select club soccer and have been suspended for a period of one year by the Washington State Youth Soccer Association for excessive violent conduct. Can I play this spring for my high school team?*~~

~~*NO; the WIAA and the WSYSA have a reciprocal agreement to honor all suspensions of six months or more.*~~

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The purpose and intent of the rule is to require school board approval for any payments and/or gifts to a coach in excess of \$500 while conducting coaching duties or activities related to each sport he/she coaches for that school. These services include the year round activities that coaches may do in order to provide a safe, competitive, and enriching experience for the student-athletes of the high school and its feeder schools within the school district. Any payments or gifts given to a coach that exceed a total of \$500 at any time during a WIAA Association Year (August 1 to July 31) for that sport must be approved by the school board of directors.

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