

WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND RULES OF ELIGIBILITY
EFFECTIVE 2024-25

ANNUAL MEETING – APRIL 24, 2024

BYLAWS

NUMBER 1 – SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAMMING

This amendment would allow schools to use their resources and coaches to conduct developmental programming during the school year outside the designated sport season for 8th grade and below students where it is prohibited for students in grades 9-12.

Article II – School Competition and Practice Requirements

Section 2 – Competition and Practice Restrictions – p. 24-25

B. Exceptions:

So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students:

- 1) There shall be no restrictions upon schools, school teams and school coaches (grades 9-12) relative to assembling in the summertime, for up to 5 days, which do not need to be consecutive (all WIAA sports sponsored by the school). Sanctioned school contact days must conclude no later than July 31.
- 2) During the school year, schools may conduct youth programming for students in grade 8 and below outside the season of competition for providing camps or clinics.
- 3) During the summer, A schools may conduct a ~~clinic~~ youth programming for students in grade 8 and below, where high school varsity and junior varsity coaches may use some or all of their athletes as clinicians. This may be done for a maximum of six days during the summer (when school is not in session) and must conclude no later than July 31.

Corresponding language:

Rules At A Glance, II-C-1

	Advance to Annual Meeting	Support
Sports Advisory Committee	<u>14-0</u>	<u>14-0</u>
Advisory Council	<u>18-0</u>	<u>14-4</u>
Board of Control	<u>11-0</u>	<u>11-0</u>

- Support adoption
- Don't support adoption
- No position

Rationale: Current restriction prevents schools from the opportunity to provide developmental programming during the school year outside the season, as it is for their grade 9-12 students.

Bylaws - Continued

NUMBER 2 – USE OF VIDEO REPLAY

In the event a school believes the wrong player has been identified in an ejection, the requesting school may send one, unedited video clip to assist in identifying the athlete who was to be ejected.

Article VII – Schools Right to Protest

Section 3 – Video Review – p. 26

A. Video review by WIAA staff is permitted when the indisputable misidentification of an ejected participant is believed to have occurred, which may result in the correct individual being assessed the ejection and subsequent suspension (next event at the same level of competition as the disqualification or WIAA Tournament). Only member school administration is permitted to request and submit one original, unedited video for review, after the conclusion of the game.

Note: Results of contests that receive a video review of an ejection remain unchanged.

Corresponding Language:

Appendix A: I (add)

I. Video Replay

School administration may have up to 24 hours to submit one, unedited video of the play where a player was ejected from a contest, to identify a misidentified student-athlete to the respective sport director. The review will be conducted by WIAA Executive staff and any designee, after the conclusion of the game. The result of the review is final with no ability to appeal the decision.

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Board of Control	<u>11-0</u>	<u>11-0</u>

- Support adoption
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- No position

Rationale: Ensures that the correct athlete is identified and serves the next suspended contest for an ejection.

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

NUMBER 3 – NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

Student-athletes may enter into Name, Image and Likeness opportunities for those activities not associated with their school team, school, conference or the WIAA.

Article IV – Amateur Status

Section 1 – Loss of Eligibility – p. 32

- B. A student shall be determined to be in violation if he/she:
 - 2) Signs a contract or agreement for services as a participating athlete.
 - a. A student may be employed (but not self-employed) on a part-time basis as an instructor on the playgrounds, game official, lifeguard, e.g.
 - b. This rule shall not prevent a student from signing 1) an agreement which binds him/her to play only for a particular team, 2) an athletic tender with a university or college or 3) a Name, Image or Likeness opportunity as outlined in Article IV Section 1-C.
 - 3) ~~Receives compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential, and/or performance as an athlete.~~
 - 4) ~~Receives free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.~~
 - 5) ~~Is identified as an athlete, provides endorsement as an athlete, or appears as an athlete, in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan or service.~~
 - 6) Plays in any contest (school or nonschool) under a name other than his/her own name.
- C. An athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money, compensation, endorsements or gifts of monetary value in affiliation or connection with activities involving the student’s school team, school, Conference or WIAA (scholarships to institutions of higher learning are specifically exempted).
 - 1) This provision is not intended to restrict the right of any student to participate in a Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) commercial endorsement provided there is no school team, school, conference or WIAA affiliation.
 - 2) Prohibited NIL Activities:
 - a. The student shall not appear in the uniform of the student’s school and does not utilize the marks, logos, etc. of the school team, school, conference or WIAA as part of any endorsement.
 - b. The student shall not promote activities nor products associated with the following: gaming/gambling; alcoholic beverages, tobacco, cannabis, or related products; banned or illegal substances; adult entertainment products or services; weapons (i.e. firearms).
 - c. The compensation is not contingent on specific athletic performance or achievement (ie. financial incentives based on points scored).
 - d. The compensation is commensurate with market value.
 - e. The compensation is not provided by the school or persons associated with school as an inducement to attend a particular school (“recruiting”) or to remain enrolled at a particular school.
 Note: Definition of ‘persons associated with school’ include, but are not limited to: current or former coaches, current or former athletes, parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver of current or former student/athletes (exception of one’s own parent), booster club members, alumni, spouses or relatives of coaches, teachers and other employees, coaches who become employed, active applicants for coaching positions, and persons who are employed by companies or organizations that have donated monetarily, athletic supplies, equipment or apparel to that school.
 - f. The NIL activities do not interfere with a student-athlete’s academic obligations.
 - g. A student does not miss athletic practice, competition, travel, or other team obligations in order to participate in NIL opportunities.
 - h. A student cannot utilize representation or contract an agent. High schools, their employees or persons associated with school are not allowed to help facilitate deals for student-athletes.

Note: When an athlete has been identified without permission and/or awareness resulting in a violation of this rule, the penalty may be reduced once the violation has been rectified.

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Sports Advisory Committee	<u>14-0</u>	<u>11-3</u>
Advisory Council	<u>18-0</u>	<u>17-1</u>
Board of Control	<u>11-0</u>	<u>11-0</u>

- Support adoption
- Don’t support adoption
- No position

Rationale: Current restriction prevents students from monetizing for their activities outside of their educationally-based athletic programs.