



Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association

Spring Caucus Meeting - District 7

April 8, 2026

9:00AM @ Greenfield HS

Check in - [WADA Caucus Attendance/Yrs of Service/Certification](#) (retirements?)

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion - Kevin-Ike
 - b. 2nd - Greendale-Mark
2. Approval of Minutes from **Fall 2025 Meeting**
 - a. Motion - Ryan - Muskego
 - b. 2nd - Nicole - Cudahy
3. Retirements of AD's end of 2026 school year
 - a. Contact Mark Kryka: krykamj@gmail.com with new contact information
 - i. Please list name, school, home phone number, email and home address
 1. Don Kurth - Brook Central
4. Upcoming Scheduled Activities
 - a. LTI Opportunities around the WIAA Annual meeting
 - i. [LTC 503](#) (Innovative Strategies in Education-Based Athletics Management)
 1. April 23rd - WIAA Offices - 5 pm - 9 pm
 2. Contact Jeff Behrens if interested - behrijef@pewaukeeschools.org
 - ii. [CAA Exam](#) (for those who are eligible - paperwork required)
 1. April 24th following the WIAA Annual meeting - WIAA Offices
 2. Contact Jeff Behrens if interested - behrijef@pewaukeeschools.org
 - b. Summer Golf Outing - Registration opens April 1st
 - i. Tuesday, July 7, 2026 10:30 shotgun start
 - ii. @ Lake Arrowhead Golf Course - The Pines
 1. Register on WADA website or contact Shawn Groshek - groshek_s@afasd.net
 - c. New AD Workshop in Stevens Point - July 20, 2026
 - i. [LTC 508](#) (Legal Issues I - Liability for Sports Injuries and Risk Management)
 1. Monday morning (9 am - 1 pm)
 - ii. [LTC 504](#) (Legal Issues III - (Hazing, Constitutional Law, Disabilities Law, Employment Law & Labor Law)
 1. Monday afternoon (2 pm - 6 pm)
 - iii. **LTC classes are open to all WADA members**
5. Awards - DSA, AD of Year, WSA (**Must be current WADA/NIAAA members to nominate and/or receive these awards**)
 - a. Distinguished Service Award - district nominee [Criteria and Past Winners](#)
 - i. **Nominations**
 1. Kevin Murphy -Greenfield
 - a. Motion - Eric -Wauk. North
 - b. 2nd - Mark - Greendale
 - b. Athletic Director of the Year - district nominee [Criteria and Past Winners](#)
 - i. **Nominations**
 1. Eric P - Wauk. North (Jeff B-Pew.) -2nd - Kevin - Ike

2. [Ryan M - Muskego \(Nina -GF\) - 2nd - Nicole-Cudahy](#)
 3. [Vote - Eric - 40; Ryan 7](#)
 4. [Congrats to Eric .P for District 7 AD of the year nomination](#)
- c. Wisconsin Service Award - school recipient (record recipient on check in sheet)
 - i. If a blank plaque is desired, please note that. A plaque will not be ordered for schools who leave the cell completely blank.
 - d. Reminder for 2026-2027
 - i. [Milwaukee Bucks Perseverance Award](#) (December deadline)
 1. Start thinking about students in your school community who may be a good fit
 - a. Would like to see more representation from D7.
 - ii. [WADA and NIAAA Scholarships](#) (April 1 deadline)
6. [WIAA Topics](#) - email questions/comments/thoughts/responses to Melissa Gehring - mgehring@wiaawi.org
- a. WIAA Calendar and Contact Committee
 - i. [Athletic Director Summer Toolkit](#) - see email from Jake Beschta on March 24, 2026 with more information
 - ii. Annual meeting presentation preview
 - b. Annual Meeting (April 24)
 - i. Need to pre-register, if not, will need school credential
 - ii. Constitutional Amendments, [#1](#) [#2](#)
 1. [Letter from Advisory Council](#)
 2. [Summary of rationale](#)
 - c. Recommendations for changes for committee work/procedures
 - i. Conference Realignment suggestions (meeting April 14)
 1. Board of control wants to re-look at the Milwaukee area
 2. Ideally what will the SEC look like?
 3. Jeff B (Pew) - Has the committee looked at changes that could be made?
 - a. Want to make process very transparent and black and white
 - b. Committee Actively wants to have a different process
 - c. Most logical decision is for SEC to have 6 schools
 - ii. Competitive Balance suggestions (meeting April 8)
 1. Jeff B (Pew) - Frustrated with process. There have not been any surveys to ask membership how it's going. What is the objective of this rule and process? What does the data that has been given mean? What is objective? Get better teams out of division to give others a better chance? Feels like he doesn't know what is going on. WANT CLEAR OBJECTIVES!
 2. Nicole (Cud) - App. To move down is difficult and so time consuming. Having a co-op and moving into a division where they can't compete is discouraging to the kids. Not worth the process because it's so disheartening. Not working on either end.
 3. Katie (WAC) - this year's process was messy with people requesting conference moves. No more feelings!
7. [WADA Mentorship Program](#)
- a. Contact Gender Rep (Cordell Smith - cordell.smith@franklin.k12.wi.us) to become a mentor for next year
 - b. AD departures - contact gender rep to then contact the new AD
 - c. Mentoring - [state mentorship program](#)
 - i. Mentor Coordinator: Jeremy Schlitz, Madison District AD
 - ii. Assistant Mentor Coordinator: Leigha Sponsel, Madison Memorial Assistant AD

8. WADA/NADC Conference Information

- a. WADA - Nov. 7-10, 2026 at the Kalahari Resort
 - i. Theme: Leaders Lead
 - ii. Grant for first time attendee - apply on WADA website (**will open late summer**)
 - iii. Presenters for sessions - Tara Rose - roseta@scfschools.com
 1. Reach out to Tara about presenting, or if you have a topic that you'd like to see presented on
 - iv. Moderators for sessions - Jenny Bandow - jbandow@luxcasco.k12.wi.us
 1. Please reach out to Jenny if you would like to help introduce a speaker and welcome the speaker for a presentation
 - v. Administrative Assistants topics/presenters - email: Leigha Sponsel - lsponsel@madison.k12.wi.us
 - vi. Door Prize per District - remind as conference gets closer
 - 2026 - Woodland/Parkland
 - 2027 - GMC
 - 2028 - Classic 8/Midwest Classic
 - 2029 - SEC
 - vii. Vendors - discount on registration
 1. \$25.00 if refer new vendor - Contact Jim Sekel: jsekel.wada@gmail.com
 2. 50% off for corporate sponsor - Contact Jeff Sitz: jksitz@gmail.com
- b. NADC - Dec. 11-15 at Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona

9. WADA Membership/Involvement

- a. [Dual WADA/NIAAA membership](#) - liability coverage, course discounts, life insurance, etc.
- b. Election/Nominees (**Must be current WADA/NIAAA members**)
 - i. District Rep, Gender Rep and Scholarship Committee
 - ii. Two (2) year term to start July 1st of 2026-27 school year:
 1. 2, 4, 6 (Even years)
 - iii. District Rep ([page 4 of WADA By-laws](#)):
 1. Attend WADA Summer Board Retreat
 2. Attend 3 seasonal WIAA Sports Advisory meetings
 3. Run Caucus meetings (Fall and Spring)
 4. Attend all WADA Board meetings
 - iv. Gender Rep ([page 5 of WADA By-laws](#)):
 1. Attend 3 seasonal WIAA Sports Advisory meetings
 2. Take minutes at caucus meetings (Fall and Spring)
 3. Assist Mentor Coordinator with new AD's
 - v. Scholarship Committee:
 1. After WIAA Annual Meeting, stay to meet and discuss nominees
 - vi. WADA Vice President ([page 9 of WADA By-laws](#))
 1. Open for nominees (deadline Oct. 1)

10. Reminders

- a. **AD Toolbox Folder** - Please send best practices to your gender and/or district representative to have your ideas added to the AD Toolbox. Looking for best practice surrounding **Coaches, Parents, Student Athletes, Event Logistics, Athletic Director Support, Administrative Assistant Support, and Mental Health**. This would be made public and available for all to view online.
 - i. Session materials from WADA and NADC 2025 are live
- b. Website Information
 - i. WADA website - <https://www.gowada.org/>

- ii. Utilize WADA and NIAAA website for information/materials
 - 1. [NIAAA certification information](#)
- c. WADA Vendors
 - i. Please utilize and support them as needs arise at your school

11. WADA Roundtable Topics and Discussion

- a. Opportunities to get involved with WADA
 - i. Are there areas we are missing and/or not currently considering?
 - ii. How can we make WADA better?
 - 1. Kyle (Wauk. West) Vendors wanting to present more to us at WADA. We want our AD's to present more. I want to buddy up AD's from different districts to present together. I want to see more representation from D7.
 - 2. Be a moderator to get involved. Very easy way to get involved.

12. Open comments/discussion

- a. Brian G (St. Anthony) =June 10 - AD golf outing at Hartford Golf course - Free event held by Ryan Anderson (Astroturf Great lakes) -Vendors cover the event and all money raised goes to charity. Great day of networking.
- b. Jeff B (Pew) - Goal is for 25 certifications and on pace for 34 this year. Sign up to take the CAA exam. Sign up through NIAAA. Contact Jeff with questions.
- c. Eric (Homestead) Any results on season length survey? Calendar committee discussing today
- d. Nina (GF) Send out a survey she sent to you to our female athletes. She will share the data with everyone.

13. Adjourn

- a. [Motion - Ryan -Muskego](#)
- b. [2nd - Kyle - Wauk. West](#)