



## Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association

Spring Caucus Meeting - **District 2**

**April 7, 2026**

**10:00AM @ NorthStar Lanes–Antigo**

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

1. Approval of Agenda
  - a. 1st - Pines
  - b. 2nd - Wisconsin Rapids
2. Approval of Minutes from **Fall 2025 Meeting**
  - a. Motion - Antigo
  - b. 2nd - Wittenberg-Birnamwood
3. Retirements of AD's end of 2026 school year
  - a. Contact Mark Kryka: [krykamj@gmail.com](mailto:krykamj@gmail.com) with new contact information
    - i. Please list name, school, home phone number, email and home address  
**Jim - Edgar (Adam Decker is the replacement. [adecker@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us](mailto:adecker@gapps.edgar.k12.wi.us))**
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 - [behrijf@pewaukeeschools.org](mailto:behrijf@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 - [behrijf@pewaukeeschools.org](mailto:behrijf@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](mailto: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: Tom Anderson-Iola-Scandinavia (Brian-Rhineland and Lance-Manawa)**
    - ii. Athletic Director of the Year - district nominee [Criteria and Past Winners: Chris Nier](#) (Wittenberg-Birnamwood) (Nominated by **Nathan DeLany** and Jeff Heimke from Lena nominated by Jeff Bronson of Coleman—Chris Nier named District 2 AD of the Year.
    - iii. **Nominations**

- b. 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.
  - c. 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
    - ii. [WADA and NIAAA Scholarships](#) (April 1 deadline)
6. **Mark (Pittsville) & Mike from Gillett - Resources for Coaching Contact, Season Lengths/Maximums**
7. WIAA Topics - email questions/comments/thoughts/responses to Melissa Gehring - [mgehring@wiaawi.org](mailto:mgehring@wiaawi.org)
- a. 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](#)
  - b. Recommendations for changes for committee work/procedures
    - i. Conference Realignment suggestions (meeting April 14)
    - ii. Competitive Balance suggestions (meeting April 8)
8. WADA Mentorship Program
- a. Contact Gender Rep (**Chris Nier - [cnier@wittbirn.k12.wi.us](mailto:cnier@wittbirn.k12.wi.us)**) to become a mentor for next year  
Craig (Stratford) will be Adam Decker's mentor.
  - 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
9. 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](mailto: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 - [jbindow@luxcasco.k12.wi.us](mailto:jbindow@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 - [lksponsel@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:lksponsel@madison.k12.wi.us)
    - vi. Door Prize per District - remind as conference gets closer
      - 2026 - CWC Small**
      - 2027 - Marawood**
      - 2028 - Marinette and Oconto**
      - 2029 - Northern Lakes**
    - vii. Vendors - discount on registration
      - 1. \$25.00 if refer new vendor - Contact Jim Sekel: [jsekel.wada@gmail.com](mailto:jsekel.wada@gmail.com)
      - 2. 50% off for corporate sponsor - Contact Jeff Sitz: [jksitz@gmail.com](mailto:jksitz@gmail.com)
  - b. NADC - Dec. 11-15 at Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Arizona
10. 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](#)): **Chris Feidt (Wisconsin Rapids)**
    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](#)): **Darcy Beversdorf (Wausau East)**  
**1st Brian (Rhineland) 2nd Chris (Wittenberg-Birnamwood)**
    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: **Jeff Heimke (Lena) Nominated by Jeff Dorschner**  
**1st Jeff (Coleman) 2nd Brian (Rhineland)**
    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)

#### 11. 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

#### 12. WADA Roundtable Topics and Discussion

- a. Opportunities to get involved with WADA
  - i. Are there areas we are missing and/or not currently considering?
    - We were just told we were going with Arbiter. When it affects everyone, we should have had more communication.
    - Confusion after the conference. Presentations at the same time
  - ii. How can we make WADA better? **Discussion transitioned to the Arbiter and scheduling platform debate—out of WADA's control—but that's been the pressing issue in District 2.**

#### 13. Open comments/discussion—None

#### 14. Adjourn

**1st Lance (Manawa)**  
**2nd Adam (Amherst)**