

2023 AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Reviewed by: Rep Assembly Final Vote Date: 5-5-23

	RULE	SUMMARY	S	O
HS #1	4.2.0	Adjusts the enrollment parameters for 3A and 4A schools to balance the number of schools in those classifications.	34	1
HS #2	4.2.0	Based upon recommendations from the Classification Committee, authorizes the WIAA Executive Board to adjust the enrollment parameters every four (4) years.	32	3
HS #3	4.2.0	Splits the 1B classification into 1B-1 and 1B-2 divisions.	10	25
HS #4	18.6.0	Defines a resident public school and school of choice; if a hardship is granted for a student transferring from a school of choice, they may be eligible only at their resident public school.	31	4
ML/HS #5	18.12.2	If a middle level student transfers to a school district where eighth graders are allowed to play at the high school level, high school eligibility at the receiving school will be limited to sub-varsity only for the remainder of the school year.	43	10
ML/HS #6	18.24.0	Allows for accommodations to be made for students to participate in non-school athletic activities no more than twice per week.	21	32
ML/HS #7	20.0.0	All coaches, whether paid or volunteer, would be required annually to complete the WIAA general rules clinic and the WIAA approved rules clinic for the sport being coached.	45	8
HS #8	30.3.0	A basketball tournament consisting of up to four (4) contests played on consecutive days will count as one (1) contest toward the season limitation.	14	21
ML #9	30.64.1	Middle level basketball games may be four (4) quarters of up to eight (8) minutes, or two (2) halves of 20 minutes of running clock time.	18	0
HS #10	41.5.2	A school may schedule 18 team contests for tennis.	24	11
ML/HS #11	46.1.3.2	League review of the WIAA administrative staff regarding the misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule is no longer required.	51	2

AMENDMENT VOTING PERIOD: April 26 – May 5, 2023

32 votes are needed for ML/HS to pass; 21 votes for HS only to pass.



Washington Interscholastic Activities Association
AMENDMENTS PASSED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
for the 2023-2024 WIAA HANDBOOK

5/8/2023

The ~~strike through~~ text will be deleted from the 2022-23 WIAA Handbook and the **bold** and **shaded** text will be added to the 2023-24 WIAA Handbook.

HS AMENDMENT #1

ARTICLE 4.0.0	CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS	Page 7
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4.2.0 HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS - High schools shall be classified as "4A", "3A", "2A", "1A", "2B" and "1B". Every four (4) years the enrollment parameters for each classification shall be:

- 4A ~~1300~~ **1225+**
- 3A ~~900-1299~~ **900-1224**
- 2A 450-899
- 1A 225-449
- 2B 105-224
- 1B 1-104

Note: Effective beginning with the 2024-28 classification cycle.

HS AMENDMENT #2

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4.2.0 HIGH SCHOOL CLASSIFICATIONS - High schools shall be classified as "4A", "3A", "2A", "1A", "2B" and "1B". **Every four (4) years the enrollment range will be determined by the Executive Board based upon recommendations from the WIAA Classification Committee. These ranges will be calculated based on balancing the prior four (4) year enrollment parameters. The 2024-28 enrollment parameters for each classification shall be:**

- 4A ~~1300~~ **1225+**
- 3A ~~900-1299~~ **900-1224**
- 2A 450-899
- 1A 225-449
- 2B 105-224
- 1B 1-104

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HS AMENDMENT #4

ARTICLE 18.6.0 STUDENT MEMBER OF A SCHOOL

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Definitions:

18.6.1 RESIDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL: The public school that the student would normally attend based on the location of the residence within the public school service area and policies.

18.6.2 SCHOOL OF CHOICE: The school that is not the resident public school. The school of choice can be a public, private, alternative, charter, home school, or online school.

18.14.2 The student must establish a hardship as defined under the provisions of Article 19.1.0 and as determined by the District Eligibility Committee.

A. A student transferring from a school of choice may gain eligibility only at their resident public school if granted a hardship.

NOTE: Existing rules 18.6.1, 18.6.2 and 18.6.4 will be renumbered to 18.6.3, 18.6.4, and 18.6.5.

ML/HS AMENDMENT #5

ARTICLE 18.12.0 TRANSFERRING STUDENTS

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18.12.2 The following students who are attending a member school shall be deemed to meet the residence rule requirement and transferring student rule requirements:

- F. A seventh (7th) and/or eighth (8th) grade student who transfers to a school without a corresponding change of residence by their family unit and who meets all other conditions of eligibility shall be eligible at the new middle school when properly enrolled. **If this transfer occurs an eighth grader transfers, and eighth (8th) graders are allowed to participate at the high school level, high school eligibility at the receiving school is limited to sub-varsity only for the remainder of that school year. subject to the transfer rule and one (1) year of continuous enrollment. This rule cannot be appealed.**

ML/HS AMENDMENT #7

ARTICLE 20.0.0 COACHES

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20.5.2 Annually complete the WIAA general rules clinic and the WIAA approved rule clinic for the sport being coached.

~~A. All high school and middle level paid coaches and volunteers acting as head high school head coaches.~~

~~B. Volunteer assistant coaches — recommended, but not required.~~

ML AMENDMENT #9

ARTICLE 30.61.0 MIDDLE LEVEL SCHOOL BASKETBALL

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30.64.0 SQUAD AND CONTEST LIMITATIONS - Each interscholastic contest played must be credited as a contest to a definite squad.

30.64.1 Middle level basketball players may play in two (2) contests, a total of up to eight (8) quarters **or four (4) halves if a running clock is utilized**, in one (1) day, on four (4) different occasions, provided there is a minimum of 45 minutes rest between contests and at least two other schools are involved.

Athletes would still be limited to 40 quarters or **20 halves** in a season.

CONTINUATION OF ML AMENDMENT #9:

30.64.2 There shall not be more than three (3) contests per week per squad.

30.65.0 PLAYER LIMITATION - The ten (10) contest limitation equates to a maximum of 40 quarters per season; the 12 contest limitation equates to a maximum of 48 quarters per season.

30.65.1 Seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) grade teams are allowed to play in quarters up to eight (8) minutes in length **or two (2) halves of 20 minutes running clock.**

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

30.66.1 Middle level leagues have the option to utilize all high school shot clock rules or only the 10-second backcourt possession rule.

30.66.2 When playing two (2) halves of 20 minute running clock, the following additional rules will be in effect:

A. The clock will continue to run except the last two (2) minutes of each half unless one (1) team is up by 30 or more points.

B. During the last two (2) minutes, the clock will stop only for free-throws, time-outs (called either by one (1) of the teams or by the official), or injuries.

C. Half time will be five (5) minutes.

D. During each four (4) minute overtime period, the clock will continue to run the first two (2) minutes and will stop during the last two (2) minutes .

HS AMENDMENT #10

ARTICLE 41.0.0

BOYS AND GIRLS TENNIS

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41.5.0 MATCH REGULATIONS - A school may not schedule **participate in** more than ~~sixteen (16)~~ **eighteen (18)** team contests for tennis. Every tennis contest must count as one (1) contest for the team and one (1) contest for the individual.

41.5.1 For the purpose of sub-varsity tennis matches, players may play up to three (3) sets against different players from opposing teams. This will be considered as one (1) contest for the individual.

41.5.2 An individual shall not play in more than ~~twenty-three (23) contests on sixteen (16)~~ **twenty-five (25) contests on eighteen (18)** team dates. A player can play one (1) singles match and one (1) doubles match on the same day during the regular season, and this will be considered as one (1) contest for the individual.

ML/HS AMENDMENT #11

ARTICLE 46.0.0

EJECTION AND/OR SUSPENSION AS A RESULT OF AN EJECTION MAY BE APPEALED

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46.1.3.2 For appeal of an ejection due to misinterpretation or misapplication of a playing rule

A. The principal/designee of the ejected person must contact the WIAA administrative staff within one (1) school business day after the conclusion of the contest in which the ejection occurred to verify a misapplication/misinterpretation of the rule.

B. **The decision of the WIAA administrative staff regarding the misinterpretation or misapplication is final and may not be further appealed.**

CONTINUATION OF ML/HS AMENDMENT #11:

- C. Providing the WIAA administrative staff verifies a misinterpretation or misapplication of the rule, the principal/designee may appeal ~~the ejection and/or suspension~~ **the outcome of the contest in which the ejection occurred to the school's league.**

1. APPEAL OF LEAGUE DECISION – follow WIAA handbook rule 27.0.0

- a. If the school is not a member of a league, the appeal will be filed directly with the District Board of the WIAA District in which the school is a member.
- b. OPPOSING SCHOOL (LEAGUE MEMBER) APPEAL OF LEAGUE - If the opposing school is a member of the same league, they may appeal the decision of the league to the WIAA district board in which the league is located.**
- c. OPPOSING SCHOOL (NON-LEAGUE MEMBER) APPEAL OF LEAGUE - If the opposing school is not a member of the same league, but both leagues are in the same WIAA District, they may appeal the decision of the league to the WIAA district board in which the leagues are located.**
- d. OPPOSING SCHOOL (NON-DISTRICT MEMBER) APPEAL OF LEAGUE - If the opposing school is not a member of the same WIAA District, they may appeal the decision of the league to the District Director's Appeals Board.**

- ~~C. If the school is not a member of a league, the appeal will be filed directly with the District Board of the WIAA District in which the school is a member.~~

~~1. LEAGUE REVIEW~~

- ~~a. During the review by the league, the principal/designee shall be afforded the opportunity to present rationale and justification including the specific rule(s) in question, and how the contest officials misapplied or misinterpreted the rule(s). A statement from the official(s) shall be provided.~~
- ~~b. The league will consult with the WIAA staff member who oversees that sport; will follow any additional appeal or protest procedures covered in the specific NFHS rule book; and will utilize the NFHS and/or WIAA playing rules, scorebook, and/or statistics to determine the appropriate ruling.~~
- ~~c. The League will deliberate in closed session.~~
- ~~d. The league shall review and either affirm or deny the appeal of the principal/designee with the understanding that the suspension as a result of an ejection shall not be assessed or the ejected person shall be required to serve the suspension as a result of an ejection. The decision shall be in writing and specify the reasons for the league decision.~~
- ~~e. Failure of a school for any reason to enforce the regulation and/or decision of the league will be considered a school violation.~~

- ~~2. APPEAL OF LEAGUE DECISION Appeals of decisions rendered by a league shall be heard by the WIAA district board in which the league is located.~~

CONTINUATION OF ML/HS AMENDMENT #11:

3. ~~**APPEAL OF DISTRICT DECISION**~~ Appeals of decisions rendered by a WIAA district board or disputes between WIAA District boards may be appealed to the District Directors' Appeals Board.
4. ~~**APPEAL OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR APPEALS BOARD DECISION**~~ The WIAA Executive Board shall hear appeals of decisions
5. ~~**APPEAL OF WIAA EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION**~~ The Independent Review Committee shall hear appeals of the WIAA Executive Board.