

UPDATES MADE TO THE 2023-24 WIAA HANDBOOK SINCE THE ORIGINAL POSTING ON August 1, 2023:

Approved during the March 17, 2024 WIAA Executive Board meeting

- 1) Renumber the current 6.8.2 to 6.8.3 and add a new 6.8.2
6.8.2 The WIAA Executive Board will determine the timeline for voting on an issue and the amendments.

- 2) Clarification on the status of girls flag football and Special Olympics
17.5.1 For the purposes of the out-of-season regulations, the WIAA has determined that slow pitch and fast pitch softball; interscholastic/collegiate/folk style/ USA wrestling, freestyle wrestling, and Greco-Roman wrestling; **girls flag football; Special Olympics**; and unified sports teams shall be considered separate and distinct sports.

- 3) Defines a term – all definitions will be moved into a glossary of terms located at the end of the WIAA handbook. Some additional clarification may be necessary for the timeline when appealing an ejection.
17.11.6 One day is equal to one practice for purposes of meeting the minimum practice requirements.
17.11.6.1 A day is defined as a period of twenty-fours, beginning at 12:00 am and ending at 11:59 pm.
17.11.6.2 A school business day is defined as a day that campus or district administrative offices are open.

- 4) Adds the criteria regarding a forfeit in an individual sport contest
17.19.0 FORFEITED CONTEST - When a scheduled contest is forfeited, the team/**individual** granted the forfeit is declared the winning team/**individual** and the team/**individual** that caused the forfeit is declared the losing team/**individual**. Only the team/**individual** granted the forfeit is allowed to schedule a substitute contest unless one-half or more of a contest was played which caused for a forfeit to be declared. **Please also refer to the specific sport rules.**

- 5) WSCA should not need to approve since each school is responsible for its schedule, although WSCA does assist with the process.
17.24.0 RULES GOVERNING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION
17.24.2 International competition must be approved by ~~the Washington State Coaches Association~~, the WIAA, the National Federation and, when appropriate, the national governing body for that sport.

- 6) Clarification on programs
17.25.0 NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION - Students may participate on a non-school **athletic** team or teams or in a non-school **athletic** instruction program while also participating on a school team.

- 7) Clarifies that students in home based education are eligible only in the school district in which they are registered.
18.6.0 STUDENT MEMBER OF A SCHOOL

18.6.3 **Home Based Education – Home School Contract must be on file annually in the principal’s office or office of the principal’s designee.** Home based students must register with a public school district with the intent to home school. Home based students do not receive assistance from the school district, nor does the school district receive FTE funding or any other outside sources for them. Home based instruction students are categorized as regular members of a school. Therefore, to be eligible for interscholastic activities, the student must:

- ~~A. Participate as a member of the public school in which service area they reside with their family unit. After registering with the school district as a home school student, a student is subject to the transfer rules if they subsequently change schools.~~
- A. Provide to school authorities acceptable documentation of any interscholastic eligibility standards required of all other student participants.
 - B. Comply with WIAA and local school regulations during the time of participation.
 - C. Comply with RCW 28A.225.010 (4).
 - D. Meet both WIAA and school district eligibility requirement standards of all students, including transfer student requirements.
 - E. Meet and adhere to the same team responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance of other members of the team/squad.
 - F. **Participate only in the school district in which they are registered.** After registering with the school district as a home school student, a student is subject to the transfer rules if they subsequently change schools.

8) Clarifies the middle level suspension period applies in the fall, winter and spring

18.8.6 ACADEMIC INTERVENTION

For the purpose of this rule:

Probation is defined as - a period of monitoring student academic progress, while still being eligible to compete.

Suspension is defined as - the determined period of time that a student is making up academic progress, while not being eligible to compete but may participate in practice.

18.8.6.1 FALL - A student will be placed on academic probation at the start of the fall sport season if they failed to meet the grade requirements of 18.8.4 in the second semester or the third trimester of the previous school year.

- ~~B.~~ A. The suspension period for middle level students shall be from the end of the previous semester through the first three (3) weeks of the succeeding semester/trimester.
- A.B. The probation period for high school students **or for eighth graders participating in a high school program** shall be from the end of the previous semester through the fourth (4th) Saturday in September.
- C. If, at the end of the probation period, the student is passing in the minimum number of classes required above, the student may then be removed from probation.
- D. If the student fails to meet the academic standards of rule 18.8.4 at the end of the probation period, the student will be placed on academic suspension for three (3) weeks and will be ineligible for contests.

- E. If a student meets the academic standards of 18.8.4 at the end of the three (3) week suspension, the athlete will no longer be on academic suspension and will be eligible for contests as long as they remain in compliance with a
- F. In the fall, an incoming ninth grade student is not required to meet the previous semester scholarship rule in 18.8.4 provided they have met all other eligibility requirements. The student's grades will be monitored during the first designated monitoring period established by the school and every three (3) to six (6) weeks thereafter.
- G. In the Fall sports season, students that do not meet the regular attendance standard of rule 18.7.2 and 18.10.0 are not eligible for a probationary period at the beginning of the fall and must be placed on a five (5) week academic suspension. Their eligibility can be reinstated after the fourth Saturday in September if at that time they are meeting the academic standard of rule 18.8.4.

18.8.6.2 WINTER / SPRING - A student who failed to meet the grade requirements of 18.8.4 shall be placed on suspension because the grading period ended during the same school year (i.e. second semester for a winter or spring athlete).

Suspension is the first five (5) weeks of the succeeding semester/trimester. If the suspension period falls during a non-school week (as defined in 17.14.1) and the athlete is missing scheduled competition, the week may count toward the five (5) week suspension.

A. The suspension period for middle level students shall be from the end of the previous semester through the first three (3) weeks of the succeeding semester/trimester.

- 9) Clarifies that, whether on a J-1 or F-1 visa, graduated students cannot compete at any level
 - 18.12.4 A student whose transfer is the result of participation in a one-year cultural or educational exchange experience with another country must file the cultural exchange form with their District Eligibility Chairperson.
 - A. A student leaving this country for a one-year international exchange experience shall file the cultural exchange form with their District Eligibility Chairperson prior to departure and will be eligible at their school of origin upon their return, provided all other rules of eligibility have been met.
 - B. A J-1 international exchange student coming to this country for a one-year cultural/educational experience is eligible at the varsity level for one (1) year only in the school in which they have been placed, provided all other rules of eligibility have been met and the student has not graduated from the high school equivalent in their home country. **Graduated students cannot compete interscholastically at any level (i.e., varsity or sub-varsity). This rule may not be appealed.**
 - C. F-1 Visa students enrolling are considered transfer students. Graduated students cannot compete interscholastically at any level (i.e., varsity or sub-varsity). This rule may not be appealed.

- 10) Clarification/calculation due to a new classification
 - 18.21.2 With league approval, high schools with an enrollment equal to or less than one-half of the **average** enrollment in the largest 2B school may allow eighth (8th) graders from a WIAA member feeder middle school/junior high to participate in any high school program for that classification cycle.

NOTE: ~~165~~ **156** will be the enrollment cut-off for the ~~2020-2024~~ **2024-2028** classification cycle.

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- 11) Clarification – a coaches association should not approve a WIAA handbook rule
- 23.5.10 “Hands on” stunt Certification is required for cheer coaches who intend to have their cheer squad(s) perform stunts. The certification program must be approved by the ~~Washington State Cheer Coaches Association, and the~~ WIAA. Coaches must be recertified every two (2) years with “hands on” training
- Each team must have a stunt certified coach on site during practice and competition in order for an athlete(s) to be eligible to stunt.
- 23.5.11 “Hands on” lift Certification is required for dance/drill coaches who intend to have their squad(s) perform lifts. The certification program must be approved by the ~~Washington State Dance/Drill Coaches Association, and the~~ WIAA. Coaches must be recertified every two (2) years with “hands on” training.
- Each team must have a stunt certified coach on site during practice and competition in order for an athlete(s) to be eligible to stunt.
- 12) Clarification – when submitted online, the report is sent to the league president, district director, and WIAA Director of compliance.
- 28.2.3 ~~Copies of the~~ **The online violation** report, including action taken, **must be submitted with a copy** shall be sent to the involved school's superintendent, ~~appropriate league, WIAA District Director~~ and the notifying school's principal.
- 13) Clarification – the Tournament Regulations were renamed Postseason SOP’s beginning with the 2023-24 school year.
- 28.2.6 Violations of the ~~Bound for State Tournament Regulations~~ **Postseason SOP’s** will be reviewed and processed by the WIAA Executive Board.
- 46.7.0** WARM-UPS: Warm-up procedures for all regular and postseason varsity contests will be the same as the warm-up procedures included in the ~~Bound for State Volleyball Regulations~~ **Postseason SOP’s** adopted for the State Championships.
- 14) Inadvertent omission (Executive Board approved January 2020)
- 32.10.0 ADDITIONAL RULE ADOPTIONS/EXCEPTIONS**
- 32.10.1 **NFHS 2-33-1 SPEED UP RULES** – Based upon WIAA Executive Board approval, local leagues may adopt speed up rules for league play. Speed up rules may be used during all qualifying and state contests.
- 32.10.1.1 Any player listed in the lineup defensively as the pitcher or catcher at the end of the previous half inning, or listed as starting pitcher or catcher in the top half of the first inning, may be replaced by a courtesy runner once becoming a base runner. All other NFHS Courtesy Runner rules apply.
- 32.10.2 **NFHS RULE EXCEPTION - EXTRA HITTER** - A subvarsity baseball team will be allowed to add an extra hitter (EH) to its lineup.
- 15) Clarification – makes the bowling season limit consistent with other sports
- 34.5.0 SEASON LIMITATION** – Eighteen regular season matches are allowed, one of which may be a one-day invitational tournament in which a team may play **the equivalent of** three, three-game matches.
- 16) Clarification – Whether two matches or one tournament, middle level wrestlers are limited to four matches in a week.
- 47.65.1 There shall be no more than two contests per week per team and no more than four matches per week per individual. ~~The only exception is described below:~~

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A one day wrestling tournament will count as one team outing. A wrestler may wrestle in no more than four matches in the tournament.

- 17) No changes – this section inadvertently wound up in Appendix 1
- 47.66.2 Conferences of leagues may allow weigh-ins to occur after practice the day before the contest or before lunch on the day of the contest at the respective schools. The weigh-in must be certified in writing by an administrator of the school. This certification must be placed in a sealed envelope and presented to the referee and coach of the opposing team prior to the beginning of the contest.
- 47.66.3 The host team shall be responsible for providing a certified scale for the weigh-in.
- A. Schools should make every effort to have scales certified by a professional scale-certifying expert.
- B. Where it is impossible to get a professional scale certifying expert, the scale should be certified by district, league, school or officials associations.
- C. Where scales cannot be or are not certified, the home scales (certified or not) shall be considered official.
- 47.66.4 Contestants with artificial limb(s) must weigh in with their artificial limb(s) for all contests.
- 47.67.0 WEIGHT ALLOWANCE** - Beginning January 1 and continuing until February 1, two (2) additional pounds will be allowed in each weight class. Beginning February 1, and continuing for the remainder of the season, one (1) additional pound shall be allowed in each weight class. This will make a net increase of three (3) pounds beginning February 1. There shall be no additional weight allowance.
- 47.67.1 Where leagues have other seasons than January 1 - March 1, leagues are to use appropriate monthly weight plans.
- 47.67.2 Weight divisions - There may be up to twenty (20) weight divisions that are to be determined by the individual leagues. Each league has the authority to determine by vote of league members fewer weight divisions.

Approved during the January 20-21, 2024 WIAA Executive Board meeting

- 1) New: outlines conditions for individual participants to compete in an international event.
- 17.24.0 RULES GOVERNING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**
- 17.24.2 International competition must be approved by the Washington State Coaches Association, the WIAA, the National Federation **and the national governing body for that sport.**
- 17.24.3 **TEAM SPORTS:** An additional contest against an international touring team is allowed once during any three (3) year period. Contests against schools from Canada and Mexico must be within the allowable contest number, since schools from Canada and Mexico are considered to be from bordering states.
- 17.24.4 INDIVIDUAL SPORTS: An athlete can compete in an international event once every three years. The event does not count toward the individual or team limit in that sport.**
- 2) Simply rennumbers the current articles.
- 18.6.3 **Home Based Education – Home School Contract must be on file annually in the principal's office or office of the principal's designee.** Home based students must register with a public school district with the intent to home school. Home based students do not receive assistance from the school district, nor does the school district receive FTE funding or any other outside sources for them. Home based instruction students are categorized as regular members of a school. Therefore, to be eligible for interscholastic activities, the student must:
- A. E Meet both WIAA and school district eligibility requirement standards of all students, including transfer student requirements.
- B. F. Meet and adhere to the same team responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance of other members of the team/squad.
- C. A. Participate as a member of the public school in which service area they reside with their family unit. After registering with the school district as a home school student, a student is subject to the transfer rules if they subsequently change schools.

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- D. B. Provide to school authorities acceptable documentation of any interscholastic eligibility standards required of all other student participants.
- E. C. Comply with WIAA and local school regulations during the time of participation.
- F. D. Comply with RCW 28A.225.010 (4).

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- E. Meet both WIAA and school district eligibility requirement standards of all students, including transfer student requirements.
- F. Meet and adhere to the same team responsibilities and standards of behavior and performance of other members of the team/squad.

3) New: adds a reference to another handbook rule regarding eighth graders

18.21.0 Eighth grade participation

18.21.9 Also refer to WIAA handbook rule 18.12.0.F.

4) Simply renumbers the current articles.

18.24.0 AMATEUR STANDING - A student who represents a school in an interscholastic sport must be an amateur in that sport. An amateur student-athlete is one who engages in athletics for the physical, mental, social and educational benefits.

18.24.1 **Name Image and Likeness (NIL):** A student is in violation of this rule and shall immediately lose eligibility if that student, their family member, or anyone else on behalf of that student, enters into an agreement with an individual, corporate entity, partnership, association, or any other party or organization, for use of that student’s NIL which in any way relates to the student’s connection to their high school.

1. **This provision is not intended to restrict the right of any student to participate in a commercial endorsement provided there is no affiliation with the school team, school, WIAA District or WIAA state association.**
2. **The student does not appear in the uniform of the student’s school and does not utilize the marks, logos, etc. of the school, WIAA District, or WIAA state association as part of any endorsement.**

18.24.2 In order to maintain amateur standing in that sport under WIAA jurisdiction, the student-athlete may not:

- A. Accept merchandise or in-kind gifts of more than \$500 in fair market value per sport based upon performance in that sport during any one calendar year August 1 through July 31.
 1. Reduced membership fees or reduced user fees from an athletic club, recreation center, golf course, etc., do not count toward this \$500 limit.
 2. Defined games of chance are exempt from this rule.
 3. 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.)

4. Awards that are permitted - Awards to athletic teams or to individual members of such teams under the jurisdiction of the Association may be made by a member school in the form of letters, insignias, certificates, medals, and/or trophies as are customarily emblematic of athletic competition and whose intrinsic values are insignificant.
 - B. Accept cash awards in that sport. A gift card that cannot be exchanged for cash or a voucher with no cash value is allowed.
 - ~~1. This provision is not intended to restrict the right of any student to participate in a commercial endorsement provided there is no affiliation with the school team, school, WIAA District or WIAA state association.~~
 - ~~2. The student does not appear in the uniform of the student's school and does not utilize the marks, logos, etc. of the school, WIAA District, or WIAA state association as part of any endorsement.~~
- 5) Simply renumbers the current articles.

28.1.0 REPORTING RULE VIOLATIONS BY MEMBER SCHOOLS - When school personnel, WIAA District Director, or the WIAA staff has been advised of an allegation that a rule has been violated, the principal (or designee) of the school involved **must submit the online report form and include** any necessary action taken by the school in writing within five (5) school business days to: 1) the superintendent of the offending school, 2) the league of school membership for review and action, and 3) the appropriate WIAA District.

~~28.1.1 The offending school may appeal any league actions, first to the appropriate WIAA District for review and action and, following WIAA District action, to the District Directors and then to the WIAA Executive Board for review and action.~~

~~28.1.2 Should a violation be discovered within ten (10) days of the start of postseason competition, the appeal goes directly to the WIAA Executive Board.~~

~~28.1.3 Only the WIAA Executive Board may remove an individual athlete or a team from postseason competition.~~

28.2.0 RULE VIOLATIONS INVOLVING SCHOOLS OR STUDENTS - Reports of students or schools in alleged violation of WIAA Rules and Regulations shall be handled as follows:

28.2.1 Schools, WIAA staff, WIAA District Directors, WIAA District Eligibility Committee Members, and/or the WIAA Eligibility Hearing Officer have the responsibility to report possible eligibility infractions or alleged school violations of WIAA rules and regulations in writing to the principal of the school involved, with copies sent to the involved school's superintendent, the appropriate league and WIAA District Directors at the earliest possible date for the principal's investigation and response to the notifying school.

28.2.2 The principal or designee of the school involved in the alleged violation shall reply to the notifying school principal or designee within five (5) school business days with the results of the investigation.

28.2.3 Copies of the report, including action taken, shall be sent to the involved school's superintendent, appropriate league, WIAA District Director and the notifying school's principal.

28.2.4 After five (5) school business days of receipt of notice of an alleged violation, upon receipt or absence of the investigation report, the league shall hear the allegations and determine the penalty, if any, in accordance with the WIAA School District Due Process Procedures.

28.2.5 The action of the league shall be forwarded to the appropriate WIAA District Board, then to the District Directors Appeals Board, then to the WIAA Executive Board for review. The WIAA Executive Board may appoint a fact finder to investigate the alleged violations. The Board at each level shall determine if the penalty is appropriate and in accordance with the WIAA School District Due Process Procedures. The Board at each level has the authority to alter penalties as deemed appropriate.

28.2.6 Violations of the Bound for State Tournament Regulations will be reviewed and processed by the WIAA Executive Board.

28.3.0 PENALTY FOR USE OF INELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT - Whenever possible, those responsible for the violation shall be penalized. Students who are not responsible for the violation shall be penalized as a last option. However, if students benefit or are responsible for the violation, that benefit or responsibility must be measured within the penalty

28.3.1 The appeal and supporting rationale must be filed with the appropriate league by the school principal/designee within two (2) school business days of the verification of an ineligible participant and declaration of contest(s) forfeiture.

28.3.2 The hearing procedures, as outlined in the WIAA Handbook, shall be followed. The WIAA district shall review the documentation and determine if the contest(s) should be forfeited. Any WIAA district action shall be in writing and shall specify the reasons for the decision. Failure of a school for any reason to enforce the regulation and/or decision of the WIAA district will be considered a school violation.

28.3.3 A school may appeal a ruling of forfeiture that is based on the contribution of an ineligible participant toward victory in a team sport. The school shall prove by a preponderance of evidence that the contest would have been won without the participation of the ineligible participant. The WIAA district may also impose a penalty against the member school.

28.3.4 Criteria to determine an individual athlete's contribution to a victory will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- A. Was the ineligible athlete a starter in the contest in question?
- B. What was the ineligible athlete's amount of playing time?
- C. What was the score when the contestant entered the contest and what was the score at the end of the contest?
- D. What were the individual's statistics from the game and when were they achieved?
- E. What was the contribution of the opposing player while this individual was in the game?
- F. How did the role played in this game by this player compare to the role he/she played in other games?
- G. Was anyone aware this athlete was ineligible prior to his/her participating?
- H. What is the input from the opposing school or schools?

28.3.5 In the individual sports of bowling, cross country, golf, gymnastics, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and wrestling, the school must:

- A. Eliminate all matches, places, points, scores, etc., of involved student as an individual, and eliminate all contributions made by involved student toward team score.

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- B. Reduce team points (score) and adjust league standings and/or tournament places.
- C. Return awards of individual(s) and, if appropriate, after adjusting standings, team awards.

28.4.0 APPEAL OF PENALTY FOR USE OF INELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT

28.4.1 The use of a participant who is ineligible by WIAA or local school district rules shall result in forfeiture of contests in which that participant took part, except in situations in which it is determined that the participant/parent/guardian provided the school with false information, or withheld information, which caused the school to declare the participant eligible. In such cases, the participant will be declared ineligible for interscholastic competition for a period of one (1) year. The one (1) year penalty begins on the day the determination is made that false information had been provided. The one (1) year penalty may be appealed to the WIAA Executive Director.

28.4.2 Should a member school determine that a participant is ineligible after that student has participated in one or more interscholastic competitions, that student may apply for eligibility through the process outlined in WIAA Rule 19. Should the participant be declared eligible during this process, the forfeiture(s) due to this participation shall be voided.

28.4.3 APPEAL OF PENALTY FOR USE OF INELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT IN A TEAM SPORT - In the event of a valid physical not being on file or an inadvertent error, the school officials may petition the League to have the forfeiture voided. The petitioning school shall have the burden to show the error was not intentional and occurred notwithstanding the maintenance of procedures reasonably adopted to avoid such an error.

INADVERTENT ERROR - DEFINITION- An inadvertent error is a mechanical, electronic, or clerical (incorrect posting) error that resulted in an ineligible participant competing in a contest.

28.5.0 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS Violations of the rules of this Association shall render the offending school liable to a penalty by the action of the school, league, WIAA District or the WIAA Executive Board.

28.5.1 Letter of Remedy – the school that has violated a WIAA rule/regulation must write a letter to its league explaining the violation and the internal processes it will use so that further violations do not occur. The letter should also include the member schools suggestion for penalty.

28.5.2 Forfeiture of contest(s) - the forfeit of contests or meets may be included in penalties assessed for violation of Association rules.

28.5.3 Probation - The coach/personnel/school is placed on probation for a specified time by the league, WIAA District or WIAA Executive Board. During the probationary period, a school may participate in all interscholastic activities unless stipulated otherwise by the league or WIAA.

28.5.4 Restriction - The league, WIAA District, or WIAA Executive Board may take action that would restrict participation in league. The restriction may be applied to any and all individuals involved including a coach, participant, school employee, team, group, or school.

28.5.5 Suspension - All rights and privileges of member schools of the WIAA are withheld for a specified period determined by the WIAA Executive Board. The WIAA Executive Board may suspend a school in a particular sport or activity or in all sports and activities for a sports season or school year.

28.5.6 Violations of the rules of this Association shall render the offending school liable to a penalty by the action of the school, league, WIAA District or the WIAA Executive Board. The list of violations set forth in this listing is not all-inclusive, and if a violation of rules occurs which is not listed herein, then the appropriate body shall have the authority to assess penalties that are deemed appropriate.

28.5.7 A pattern of attempting to circumvent rules, regulations and/or policies shall be subject to review and possible penalty to be imposed by the WIAA Executive Board.

Violations

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violation un-willfully committed • Self-reported violation • 1st violation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violation willfully committed • Violation reported by others • 2nd violation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment • Blatant disregard for rule(s) • Continuous violation

Penalties

Probation	Restriction	Suspension
Fine \$25 - \$1,000	Fine \$500-1,500	Fine \$1,000-2,500
Suspension from 0-20% of allowable competition	Suspension from 10-50% of allowable competition	Suspension for up to one year of allowable competition
Forfeiture of Contests	Forfeiture of Contests	Forfeiture of Contests

28.5.7 The WIAA Executive Board may expel a member school if a violation or series of violations occurs.

28.5.8 If a student who has been declared ineligible is permitted to participate in interscholastic competition because of a court restraining order and/or injunction against the school or WIAA, and if such restraining order and/or injunction subsequently is dismissed, stayed, reversed or the school or WIAA prevails at trial, one (1) or more of the penalties outlined above may be taken in the interest of restitution and fairness to other member schools.

28.5.9 If a student participates under a court order and then the Association prevails at trial, or the participant dismisses their action/lawsuit, or the injunction, restraining order, action/lawsuit is subsequently overturned or dismissed, the participant shall become immediately ineligible and shall remain ineligible for the period of time equal to that for which the student was allowed to participate under the restraining order or injunction.

28.5.10 When the WIAA is involved in legal cases, the Executive Board may seek to recover attorney costs when found to be the prevailing party.

28.6.0 Penalty Review Council - A council for penalty review to assist member schools, leagues, district directors, and the WIAA Executive Board in penalty review.

28.6.1 The purpose of this council will be to advise school personnel and league presidents on the issue of developing the appropriate penalty for violation of WIAA Rules and Regulations. Once a WIAA member school discovers--or is advised by another member school or WIAA staff--that it has violated a WIAA rule, the school must contact that school's league president. The member school may propose suggested penalties to the league or may seek advice from the council by contacting the chair.

28.6.2 In all cases, the "Penalty Options" chart shall be used to assist the school, league, and panel.

28.6.3 The council shall be comprised of five (5) individuals who will be appointed by the WIAA Executive Board. Each shall serve a two-year term, with the exception of the chair, who will serve a four (4) year term.

28.6.4 The Penalty Review Council shall adopt a schedule of fines and publish said schedule annually in the Association Handbook. The fine schedule shall also include any amounts paid by the Association or received by the school as a result of postseason competition. A fine shall not be levied against any individual within the interscholastic athletic program but may only be levied against the member school and only for selected violations as determined by the Penalty Review Council.

6) Adds a Q&A to help to clarify the eighth grade rule.

18.21.0 Eighth grade participation

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-11: *We are a 2B school and currently have two eighth graders on our high school girls basketball roster. We started the season with 14 total girls but had a couple of girls sign up late and now have 16 turning out. Today we had a new eighth grader enroll and she wants to play high school basketball which gives us 17 total girls turning out. Can she play?*

Yes, since the rule states that eighth graders may be brought up to play at the high school level if at any time during the season the basketball participation numbers drop below 16. She is, however, restricted to playing sub-varsity only for the remainder of the school year (WIAA handbook rule 18.12.0.F)

7) New: clarifies eighth grade participation at the high school level (has been included in the Q &A for several years)

33.65.3 Any appearance in a quarter, regardless of length of time played, is to be considered as one quarter **except for the following: If an eighth grader also plays at the high school level, any appearance in a quarter at the middle level counts as four quarters toward the high school limit of 80 quarters.**

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Approved during the September 25, 2023 WIAA Executive Board Meeting:

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circumstances beyond the control of the school (facilities not available, roads impassable, prohibitive weather conditions, teacher strike/walk-out, emergency conditions, etc.) **an individual or a team has not been able to meet the minimum pre-contest practice requirements prior to the first contest.**

While the number of pre-contest practices will not be waived, the following rule exceptions will be ~~approved~~ **allowed** in the order listed for a school to offer the minimum number of practices for the **individual and/or** team required for a specific sport prior to the first scheduled contest and for no more than one-half the minimum number of practices. ~~The practice accommodations will not be granted for a jamboree or for individual athletes on a team.~~

- A. Every effort must be made to reschedule the contest(s) that are affected.
- B. Number of practices in a week - exception that will be allowed:
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