

WIAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

President Paul Manfred (WIAA District 6), Vice President Dwayne Johnson (WIAA District 3), Harlan Kredit (WIAA District 1), Jeff Lowell (WIAA District 2), Scott Chamberlain (WIAA District 4), Russ Waterman (WIAA District 5), Cathy Schick (Region A-1), Tara Davis (Region A-2), Wendy Malich (Region B-1), Johnny Lee (Region B-2), Casey Gant (Region C-1), Steven Carson (Region C-2), and David Blakney (Region C-3.)

HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Kelley Boyd (Rural Educators Center (REC)), Mike Schick (Washington State Coaches Association (WSCA)), Mark DeJonge (Washington Federation of Independent Schools (WFIS)), Todd Stordahl (Washington Officials Association (WOA.)) Katie Lee (Washington State Forensics Association (WSFA)), and Sarah Sherry (Washington State Forensics Association (WSFA.))

WIAA STAFF

Mick Hoffman, Executive Director; Cindy Adsit, Andy Barnes, Jeneé James and Justin Kesterson, Assistant Executive Directors; and Bryn Langrock, Director of Marketing.

CALL TO ORDER

Paul Manfred called the meeting to order at 10:00 am on Monday, November 17, 2025. Dwayne Johnson led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Finance, Calendar/Culminating Events, and Handbook Subcommittees met separately.

- A. Calendar/Culminating Events** - recommendations and action are in the action report.
- B. Finance** - recommendations and action are in the financial report.
- C. Handbook** - recommendations and action are in the action report.

APPROVAL OF CONSENSUS ISSUES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Paul Manfred presented the September 29, 2025 Executive Board Meeting Minutes; October 2, 2025 Executive Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes; October 5, 2025 email voting minutes; October 22, 2025 email voting minutes

- **Malich/Kredit** moved to approve the September 29, 2025 Executive Board Meeting Minutes. MOTION PASSED.
- **Malich/Kredit** moved to approve the October 2, 2025 Executive Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes. MOTION PASSED.
- **Malich/Kredit** moved to approve the October 5, 2025 email voting minutes. MOTION PASSED.

- **Blakney/Kredit** moved to approve the October 22, 2025 email voting minutes. MOTION PASSED.

DIRECTOR ACTION TAKEN SUMMARY: Mick Hoffman summarized the action taken since September 29, 2025, on rule waiver requests.

- **Kredit/Davis** moved to approve the Director action taken since September 29, 2025. MOTION PASSED.

COMBINED/CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAMS: Jenee' James provided the list of combined and co-operative programs submitted since September 29, 2025.

- **Kredit/Gant** moved to approve the combined/cooperative programs submitted since September 29, 2025. MOTION PASSED.

PLANNING/DISCUSSION

A. Strategic Plan: Mick Hoffman updated the Board on the strategic planning strategies. He thanked Mike Schick for the work of WSCA to provide complimentary passes for coaches who meet the agreed upon criteria. District 4 selected Jordan St Germaine from Taholah High School as their BIPOC representative. Justin Kesterson shared that WIAA was nominated for the Aspire Award for including adaptive and unified categories at WIAA state events.

B. Representative Assembly meetings: Mick Hoffman presented the proposed agendas, meeting procedures and his opening remarks for the December 9, 2025 and January 26, 2026 Representative Assembly meetings. He added that no action will be taken during the December meeting, since it is merely the time for the amendments to be presented. Cindy Adsit added that she will confirm the presenter for each of the amendments prior to each meeting.

The Board went through each of the amendments to be submitted on behalf of the Board and determined which Board member would present the amendment during the December 9 meeting.

C. Tentative January meeting dates and anticipated classification appeals: Andy Barnes shared that the classification paperwork will be posted by the end of this week. He added that 30 schools appealed their classification in January 2024. Those same schools were informed at that time that they would need to appeal again after the second year of the four-year classification cycle. He added that the dates could change based upon the total number of appeals submitted. Only nine schools have indicated that they intend to appeal, although they have until November 28 to officially notify the WIAA.

Friday, January 23 – appeals will be heard by the WIAA District Directors (in-person)

Saturday, January 24 – appeals will be heard by the WIAA Executive Board (in-person)

Sunday, January 25 – regular January WIAA Executive Board meeting (in-person)

Monday, January 26 – Winter Coalition (zoom)

D. WIAA passes for honorary board, WIAA District Directors: Mick Hoffman shared that the honorary board members should have received a GoFan code which will allow entry through the pass gate at all WIAA state events. A second code could be provided by emailing Bryn Langrock for a second guest pass.

E. Review of fall events held to date

Slowpitch Softball: Jeneé James shared that due to inclement weather, the consolation rounds were cancelled and, after making calls to several surrounding area sites, the championship games were moved to West Valley High School. She complimented the WIAA and event staff on dressing up the field at West Valley High School with signage so that it had a state championship “feel.” Moving the games required another night’s lodging for the teams that played in the championship games.. The inclement weather policy provides for schools to receive the highest placing trophy that they could have received if all games had been played, so four schools received third place trophies.

Cross Country: Justin Kesterson reported that the weather was the best in the past six years. He complimented Greg Damingos as the new tournament manager, the Pasco School District, and the Tri City Sports Commission overall for their work in putting on a great event. There were over 10,000 views of the event on the NFHS Network, with another 300 since then. The views traditionally continue after the event. He added that the coaches picked up their packets at Dick’s Sporting Goods as a partnering organization, which was a positive collaborative event.

1B, 2B, 1A, 2A Volleyball: Cindy Adsit shared that despite the best efforts on behalf of the tournament staff at being efficient with time and utilizing an open court whenever possible, the matches run long on both days of the tournament. The after event survey will ask coaches and athletic directors to rank options to hopefully reduce the overall length of the tournament.

Girls Swim/Dive: Andy Barnes complimented Jeff Lowell for his 16 years in running the state meet. Since more life guards provided by the King County Aquatic Center were on staff, the schedule reverted back to two days, which incorporates diving back into the main meet. The number of adaptive swimmers participating each year as exhibition events continues to grow. The potential to incorporate these athletes onto the teams rather than exhibition will be explored. The WIAA staff provided increased enhancements at the event which provides an incredible experience for the participants.

Soccer: Jeneé James shared that the contingency soccer schedule was implemented since both Mount Tahoma and Sparks Stadium in Puyallup will also host quarter final

football games. The schools will manage the transition, with the final soccer matches scheduled at 3:30 pm and the football games scheduled for 7:00 pm.

Football: Andy Barnes reported that he has reached out for potential sites for semifinals, with reminders to the participating schools that the first and second rounds are managed by the WIAA Districts, with WIAA overseeing only the semifinals and finals.

F. Update on 2025-26 WIAA Executive Board goals: Paul Manfred shared that he felt the Board is on track for the goals approved by the Board for this school year.

1. Successful Launch of Girls Flag Football - Support equitable implementation statewide, ensuring resources, officials, and scheduling allow for safe and competitive growth of this new sanctioned sport.
2. Refinement of Transfer Eligibility Policy - Oversee clear communication and consistent application of the new transfer rules, while evaluating data and making adjustments to promote fairness as well as stability.
3. Equity & Legal Compliance in Participation Policies - Uphold WIAA's commitment to inclusivity and compliance with state and federal laws, particularly regarding transgender and non-binary student participation.
4. Financial Sustainability & School Support - Develop a sustainable model of membership fee increases to ensure WIAA remains fiscally stable while developing strategies to help schools facing financial challenges sustain athletic and activity programs.
5. Transparency & Stakeholder Engagement - Strengthen trust through open communication with schools, families, and communities, providing clarity around Board decisions, membership issues, and policy changes.

G. Update on 2025-26 WIAA Executive Director goals: Mick Hoffman summarized that staff has been committed to each of the goals listed below.

1. Expand use of AI in an efficient way throughout the office
2. Successful implementation of new transfer rule
3. Successful implementation of specified fines and fees - Student ejections are still increasing but coaches' ejections are down; fines and fees may be serving as a deterrent for bad behavior.
4. Ten year financial plan including stabilized funding model developed
5. Enhanced pass system - side benefit has been that coaches are more attuned to their coaches education requirements

- H. Executive Board terms that will expire at the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year:** WIAA District 1 (Harlan Kredit), WIAA District 3 (Dwayne Johnson), Region A-2 (Tara Davis), B-1 (Wendy Malich), and C-1 (Casey Gant.) The WIAA District representatives will be elected by the Representative Assembly and the region representatives will be selected by the WIAA Executive Board.

The following timeline will be in effect:

March 15 - Standing region must declare their intent to continue

April 1 - WIAA Districts submit names of WIAA District Executive Board members

April 15 - WIAA District candidates submitted to Representative Assembly for vote

April 30 - Region nominations forms submitted to the WIAA office

May - Interviews of region candidates, if needed

June 7 - Region candidates selected by WIAA Executive Board

FINANCIAL

Scott Chamberlain summarized the discussions and work of the finance subcommittee.

- A. Year-to-date: The year-to-date finances are on track for this time of year. Most of the membership fees have been paid and state tournament revenues will begin coming in soon.
- **Lowell/Malich** moved to approve the year-to-date report. MOTION PASSED.
- B. INFORMATION ONLY: The auditors have completed their work, with the review to be submitted during the January meeting. The 2024-25 school year ended with a positive net income.
- C. INFORMATION ONLY: Per the contract with RushTeamApparel, the increase in sales in 2024-25 will trigger the automatic one year extension clause through July 31, 2030.
- D. Roof bids: Scott Chamberlain shared that the funds for the roof replacement will come from Capital Project funds, not the general fund or reserve accounts. Mick Hoffman reported that WIAA owns the building. The building was due for painting since bare wood was exposed in several places and dry rot in several others. As the painters did their prep work, they recommended replacing the gutters before some of the painting could be done. We then discovered that the gutters cannot be replaced until several portions of the roof are redone, necessitating the need for a roof replacement on the WIAA office building. In addition, water has been leaking into staff offices, causing further damage and mold potential. Two bids were presented for consideration. He added that several were requested, but only two were submitted.
- **Malich/Kredit** moved to approve RoofSmart, Inc to roof the building. MOTION PASSED.

ACTION NEEDED**A. Recommendations from the subcommittees****1. Recommendations from the Calendar/Culminating Events Subcommittee:**

Wendy Malich summarized the discussion of the subcommittee regarding Girls Flag Football. Bryn Langrock added that the Postseason SOPs outline the postseason requirements.

- **Gant/Davis** moved to approve the 2025-26 Girls Flag Football Postseason SOPs. MOTION PASSED.
- **Blakney/Lee** moved to approve Option 1 for the format for the 2025-26 Girls Flag Football Championships, which is similar to the format utilized for State Baseball with the first and second rounds held at an approved site. MOTION PASSED
Projected tournament size. Format options were presented
4A - 12
3A - 16
1A/2A - 8

Bryn Langrock summarized the bids that were submitted to host the inaugural Girls Flag Football Championships.

- **Gant/Davis** moved to approve Federal Way as the site for the 2025-26 Girls Flag Football Championships. MOTION PASSED

2. Recommendations from the Handbook Subcommittee:

- a. Proposed editorial changes were presented by subcommittee chair Jeff Lowell.
 - **Malich/Kredit** moved to approve the proposed editorial changes (Attachment #1.) MOTION PASSED.

B. 2025-26 State Sites/Contracts

Andy Barnes reported that he and Mick Hoffman have been negotiating the agreement with the Spokane Arena, which includes a higher fee for security plus sales tax which is now required by the state. Unlike the other facilities that are willing to negotiate multi-year agreements, the Spokane Arena will consider only one-year contracts. Other format options, including sites and dates, will be presented along with the comparative cost analysis to follow the 2025-26 state basketball championships.

- **Malich/Waterman** moved to approve the Spokane Arena contract for the 2025-26 1B, 2B State Basketball Championships as presented. MOTION PASSED.

Cindy Adsit reported that bid requests were sent to every college, major facilities, and schools that had expressed interest in hosting the 2026 Baseball State Championships, but only three bids were received.

- **Malich/Kredit** moved to approve the 1B, 2B State Baseball Championships at Wood Field at Carlon Park, Selah; the 1A, 2A at Joe Martin Stadium, Bellingham; and the 3A, 4A at Funko Field, Everett. MOTION PASSED.

C. Violations and penalties

1. **Requests for reconsideration by Roosevelt High School:** Mick Hoffman thanked WASA, WSDDA and AWSP for providing individuals to serve on the Independent Review Committee (IRC) which was comprised of four superintendents, two school board members, and one principal. He shared the report submitted by the IRC following their study of the report and 278 pages of documentation provided by the WIAA fact finder and WIAA Executive Board action regarding Roosevelt High School. He added the IRC fully supported the action taken by the Board, with the request that the required training be provided prior to the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year, thereby freeing up the coaches on suspension to coach during the summer.

- **Gant/Lee** moved to accept the report submitted by the IRC. MOTION PASSED.

NOTE: Tara Davis abstained from voting.

2. **Violations of WIAA handbook rule 25.2.5:** Justin Kesterson summarized the self-reported violation and the request submitted by the WIAA District 3 cross country meet manager to not penalize Capital High School or the student for not participating in the State Cross Country Meet after qualifying in the WIAA District meet. Even though the Capital High School coach notified the meet manager that one of the athletes on their girls team would not compete the following weekend, the meet manager nonetheless encouraged her to compete. He added that cross country has both a team and individual component

- **Blakney/Chamberlain** moved to approve the action recommended by Capital High School to place the girls head cross country coach and the Capital High School athletic department on probation for one year. MOTION PASSED.

Note: The WIAA District 3 Board will receive notice that its qualifying tournament managers should not interpret WIAA handbook rules.

3. **Self-reported violations:** Don Beazizo shared that the WIAA District Directors track all self-reported violations through a shared google sheet with the resulting action reviewed by the WIAA Executive Board throughout the school year. He added that even though the box may be checked that the person filling

out the report contacted him prior to submitting the report, several times that has not been done.

4. **Anonymous complaints:** Mick Hoffman reported that anonymous complaints received at the WIAA office are forwarded to the named school(s) for their investigation and response if violations are found.
5. **Updates on alleged WIAA handbook violations** reported by another school: Mick Hoffman shared that the alleged violations submitted by other schools puts WIAA handbook rule 28.2.0 into place for review by all named parties. Andy Barnes added that some information may be redacted
 - A. Bellevue High School girls basketball – has been reviewed by WIAA District 2; District Director review needed
 - B. Clarkston High School girls basketball - has been reviewed by the GSL; WIAA District review needed
 - C. Garfield High School boys basketball – Metro league review needed
 - D. Hazen High School football – has been reviewed by the Kingco League; WIAA District review needed
 - E. Puyallup High School football – WIAA District review needed
 - F. Puyallup High School, 9th grade eligibility – league review needed
 - G. Tumwater High School girls basketball – WIAA District review needed
 - H. Archbishop Murphy football – league review needed
 - I. Anacortes football equipment - league review needed
6. **Appeal process and timelines:** Justin Kesterson reported that a form outlining the appeal process and timelines in WIAA handbook rule 30.0.0 is posted online in MyWIAA to assist schools in tracking violations and action taken regarding the subsequent remedy and/or penalty.
 - D. **Gareth Giles Nominee:** Cindy Adsit presented the nomination of Mike Edwards, submitted by WIAA District 6 for the 2025-26 Gareth Giles service recognition award. She added that the award will be presented during the WIAA Hall of Fame luncheon.
 - **Malich/Gant** moved to approve Mike Edwards as the 2025-26 recipient of the Gareth Giles service award. MOTION PASSED.
 - E. **Requests from the Washington State Forensics Association (WSFA):** Jeneé James shared that staff have been working with Kelly Kirkpatrick, president of the WSFA on several topics. Sarah Sherry shared that the number of 3A schools competing in

forensics has dramatically increased, while 4A has decreased. presented three requests from the WSFA regarding debate tournaments.

1. Request to combine classifications: The WSFA requested to combine classifications for all speech events at the WIAA State Speech and Debate Championships. Sixty entries in each event would be available state wide and would be apportioned according to current methods. (This recommendation was unanimously approved at the WSFA Spring 2025 meeting.)
 - **Kredit/Blakney** moved to approve the request to combine classifications for speech regular season events. MOTION PASSED.
 2. Request to allow Washington students to compete against international students. Since covid many competitions are offered online.
 - **Kredit/Davis** moved to approve international students from a high school be allowed to compete in regular season invitational competitions against WIAA member school students. MOTION FAILED.
 - **Lowell/Malich** moved that the request to allow limited access for international students would be specific to the University of Puget Sounds, Seattle University and Gonzaga University and digital entries for a one year experiment. MOTION PASSED.
 3. Request for World School Debate to become an official event at the Speech and Debate Championships. Teams of five work on specific engagement, based on current events, making it available and accessible to more students overall
 - **Kredit/Blakney** moved to approve World School Debate as an official event. MOTION PASSED.
- F. Prosser appeal of staff interpretation:** Justin Kesterson shared that the Prosser School District requested to postpone their presentation due to a communication issue.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- A. Fall Workshops:** Andy Barnes shared that the dates and sites for the 2026 fall workshops will depend, at least in part, on the August board retreat, tentatively scheduled to be held in Neah Bay. If corresponding dates are utilized, the Board retreat will be on Sunday, August 16 and the District 3 fall workshop on Monday, August 17. He added that Wednesday, August 19 is the first day of football, and all other fall sports will start on Monday, August 24. Staff are meeting with the District Directors next week and will work with them to set dates and sites. Recommended presentation topics are welcomed. Jenee' James added that Chesterton Academy of Notre Dame chose not to appeal the fine for not attending a 2025 fall workshop.

- B. Update on WIAA Coaches School:** Jeneé James shared that an additional 505 coaches have registered since the September meeting, which has led to 2142 registrants so far this year. She added that she is beginning to reach out to potential presenters and pursue topics for the 2026 coaches school.

REPORTS

- A. Eligibility:** Justin Kesterson shared data demonstrates that the new transfer rule has dramatically reduced the number of appeals, which are now at 116 versus over 200 last year at this time. Many families have accepted the 40/60 so their child could transfer schools. He added that 1587 students are currently in the transfer tracker, 1906 with incompletes. 116 appeals as of this date have been heard by the District Eligibility Committees, with 15 denied, 101 approved. 13 appeals have been heard at the state level, with three approved and ten denied. Mick Hoffman added that state legislators with which he has met have appreciated the rule change.
- B. Membership**
1. Jenee' James provided a summary document outlining the definition of a Member School in good standing. The handbook subcommittee will review the proposed criteria to determine what may be an editorial change versus what would require an amendment with an updated report during the January meeting.
 2. Probationary status for a new school or a school that has not paid its fines or fees by the published deadlines was also discussed. The handbook subcommittee will review the proposal with an update to be provided during the January meeting.
- C. Fine Arts Programs:** Jenee' James shared that the NFHS does have special recognition for each of the categories below. She added that staff is meeting with the Washington Music Educators Association (WMEA) on November 18 to review adjudicator's fees for the State Solo and Ensemble Contests.
1. Drama
 2. Forensics
 3. Music
- D. Playfly Updates:** Beth Sylves shared that we have reached 96.2 percent of the annual revenue sharing budget, Air Force is new fall sponsor through the winter, Jolyn Swimwear was on site during the State Swim/Dive Meet, the partnership with Dick's Sporting Goods at State Cross Country was very much appreciated, engaged with potential partners for State Football, including hospitality provisions. Uniball offers package promotions for college signing day. She added that Carter Bays, who was with PlayFly for three years, just started a new position at King 5 TV today and that she intends to retire at the end of March. The job announcement will be posted soon, with the intent to hire someone by January who will then be involved in the hiring of a new engagement personnel.

- E. Ejections:** Justin Kesterson reported that there have been 264 reported ejections as of today as compared to 265 last year, He added that 181 ejections have been reported in football this year as compared to 188 last year; 63 in girls soccer this year and 45 last year. 14 coaches have been ejected so far this fall, with four being head coaches and ten assistant coaches. While 49 appeals were filed last year, 24 have been submitted this year, with five of those being overturned.
- F. Technology updates:** Mick Hoffman reported that Tim Turnpaugh's servers crashed and staff has been working to get all systems up and running. He added that AthletesGoLive was utilized at State Slowpitch for streaming, which provided the best connectivity at the Yakima Kiwanis Park of all options attempted to date.
- G. NFHS updates:** Mick Hoffman shared that the NFHS hired a research consultant to update the "Case for High School Activities". He added that Washington is the fifth highest producing state in the country for streaming.
- H. Monthly zoom check-ins with District Directors:** Don Beazizo complimented the staff and District Directors in meeting monthly to resolve common issues, standardizing game times for first and second round football game times, with reminders that Games Committees need to be available for all postseason contests and that the game must be stopped and the issue resolved before the game resumes.
- I. Seasonal zoom meeting with league presidents:** Andy Barnes shared that the league presidents appreciate the seasonal meetings which gives them the opportunity to share best practices across the state.
- J. Tracking fines and fees:** Justin Kesterson reported
1. The cash payment on site was eliminated for protests at state events. The protest procedures explaining the \$100 invoicing to school and forms have been posted in MyWIAA and will be on site at all state events.

He added that 51 fines and fees have been issued, primarily due to violations of the new transfer rule and coaches ejections, and will be invoiced after the football championships have concluded. The money to be collected has not been designated for a specific line item.

The deadline for payment will be 30 days from the date of the invoice. The Board may need to consider if a school would be in violation if it refused to pay.

He added that, based on feedback from several groups, the fine to be assessed for ejections in boys soccer due to inappropriate language be suspended.

- **Kredit/Lowell** moved to delay the fine being assessed to schools for ejections due to inappropriate language in boys soccer. MOTION PASSED.

K. Committee Reports

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. BIPOC ADs -no report
2. Classification - no report
3. WIAA District Directors - provided earlier in the meeting.
4. Gender Identity - no report, although there is an initiative in this state and a case before the Supreme Court
5. LEAP - partnering with Board members to solicit feedback to share with the full board
6. Middle Level - the introductory meeting of the middle level committee will be held on Wednesday, November 19.
7. Officials Advisory - meeting will be held soon to review fees which will be adjusted based on the football fee model
8. SAC - at least one superintendent from each ESD has been recruited.
9. Seeding committees - some new proposals may come forward to protect league champions and/or how representatives are determined.
10. SMAC - since Girls Flag Football will be played outside during the winter and early spring weather can be challenging, cold weather guidelines are being developed.
11. Sports Advisory Groups - ongoing work with specific sports groups to solicit feedback.
12. Sportsmanship - first meeting held this year, with lots of energy to improve behavior.
13. Technology Advisory – considering a quarterly meeting.
14. WSSDA IAC - will present at their conference later this week and will gather their advisory votes on amendments in January.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

15. Allocations - 12 meetings have been held so far; 13th meeting scheduled for November 22; continue to review the hybrid model versus geographical representation; hope to gather feedback across all classifications and all areas of the state in order to have a recommendation by January.
16. Girls Flag Football - committee will continue to meet throughout the year.

17. Scholastic awards criteria - met a couple of times so far; lots of energy with refining and/or changing much of the structure.

18. Transfer – no report

L. Honorary Board Reports

Rural Educator's Center - Kelley Boyd shared that conversations about fines and fees continue

WFIS - Mark DeJonge thanked the Board for the state events. WFIS is anxious to see the amendments that are directed to private schools.

WOA - Todd Stordahl reported that flag football begins today, working with Bryn Langrock on the mechanics rule book, the number of registered officials is up, pay increase to officials was due to readjusting administrative fees and did not increase costs to schools, IABO (military officials organization) has reached out to provide online training and will cover initial costs for those who complete the training with the initial focus on tribal schools, during all postseason contests the event manager should have a pregame meeting to cover protocol and procedures regarding protests

WSCA - Mike Schick thanked staff for attending WSCA meetings; complimented Sean for putting together a program for electronic passes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT/DISCUSSION

Mick Hoffman shared that staff is reviewing responses from the Washington State Football Coaches Association regarding their special requests and hoping to continue dialogue in addition to working with them on when they schedule all star games since they have a senior all star game on State Football Championship day. He reported that he continues to work with WSSAAA to determine the best schedule for WIAA involvement, and that staff continues to refine the tracking of alleged violations committed by other schools. He added that a compliance manager may be needed due to the dramatic increase in staff responsibilities tracking violations. Staff has developed a plan to honor more people for their contributions at state events and there appears to be growing support by legislators in providing funding for athletics as part of basic funding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Blakney/Malich** moved to go into executive session at 4:30 pm. MOTION PASSED.

The executive session ended at 4:40 PM.

- **Malich/Blakney** moved to end the executive session at 4:40 pm. MOTION PASSED

MEETING CONCLUSION

- **Malich/Gant** moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:41 pm on Monday, November 17, 2025.
MOTION PASSED.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 9 (Zoom)

Submitted by:

Paul Manfred, WIAA Board President

Mick Hoffman, WIAA Executive Director

Cindy Adsit, Recorder



Attachment #1-1

Washington Interscholastic Activities Association
Approved WIAA Handbook Editorial Changes
November 17, 2025 WIAA Executive Board Meeting

1. Approved editorial changes
 - 1) **Member school service fee – the \$500 fee was approved during the August meeting**
 - 3.6.5 Since the school year is underway and the deadlines already established, schools will continue to pay the \$100 fee for late payment of WIAA membership fees. The \$500 fee will go into effect with the 2026-27 school year.
 - 2) **Distribution of amendments**
 - 7.4.0 The WIAA Executive Director is responsible for distributing copies of all proposed amendments, including the reasons for and against the amendments, in mid ~~November~~ **December** and again following the Winter Coalition as well as the advisory votes of the Interscholastic Activities Committee (IAC), the Superintendent’s Advisory Council (SAC), the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (DEI) and Leadership through Education, Activities and Personal Development (LEAP) Committee.
 - 3) **Clarified how to count a contest and options if a contest is not played**
 - 17.13.0 Separate attachment
 - 4) **Clarified the rule about extra time periods allowed**
 - 17.22.0 EXTRA QUARTERS, HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL:** An additional time period may not be played following the regular contest at the high school level unless **allowed in the specific sport rules** and the squad consists of freshmen only.

(NOTE: A 5th quarter is allowed in basketball and football and a 4th or 5th set is allowed in middle level volleyball only.)
 - Q&A-1: If a team is ahead by ten or more runs following the completion of the fifth inning in a fastpitch game, could the game continue so that all players get more playing time? No, the game is technically over following the completion of the fifth inning. Officials have been instructed to leave the facility following the completion of the game. If teams continue to play following the completion of the game, that time played will count as another game toward their season limit.**
 - 5) **Number correction**
 - 17.25.3 Students shall not compete in the uniform of the school at non-school events. School uniforms, football helmets and shoulder pads may be worn only during the WIAA season for that sport except during Washington State Coaches Association (WSCA) feeder or All-State contests. NOTE: Uniforms are considered to be the school issued contest uniform (practice or shooting shirts are not classified as school uniforms) and are defined in the adopted Rule Book for each specific sport.
 - 17.25.3 ~~4~~ Participation on a non-school team or program cannot be a requirement or condition of participation on a school team.
 - 17.25.4 ~~5~~ **PENALTIES:**
 - ~~17.25.4.1~~ If a school gives students special treatment or privileges, the school

17.25.5.1 must report the violation to its League to determine appropriate penalties.

~~17.25.4.2~~ Penalties assessed to the student for violating this rule are determined
17.25.5.2 by the local school district

6) **Clarifies a Q&A regarding an ejection – recommend to remove the Q&A until after the vote on the 2026 amendments**

~~Q-9: We had a student receive their second ejection of the sport season and it was our final game of the year. Will they have to sit out the entire next sports season?~~

~~A-9: No. If the student was ejected for violent conduct, they would be suspended as outlined in Rule 18.27.4, but if the ejection would have been for only one game, the one game suspension carries over into their next season played. The student does not sit out the entire next season.~~

7) **Clarifies the timeline for school to reply**

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 school business days with the results of the investigation. **The five school business days will begin on the first school business day following the notification or receipt of additional materials to be reviewed during the investigation.**

8) **Q&A to clarify that WIAA rules do not prohibit students from utilizing an agent**

Q&A-1 Do WIAA rules prohibit a student from utilizing the services of an agent when negotiating a NIL deal?

No, WIAA rules do not prohibit agents. Students intending to participate in collegiate athletics are encouraged to verify collegiate rules on this issue.

Q&A-2: If a student has an agent representing them, is the agent allowed on the sideline/bench during a contest?

There are sideline/bench limits for all postseason contests. Each participating school has the authority to determine which individuals will fill the available slots.

9) **Clarifies the review process of a valid protest**

29.1.3.2.A.2. PROTESTS INVOLVING SCHOOLS FROM **DIFFERENT LEAGUES IN** THE SAME WIAA DISTRICT: Disputes and protests of a playing rule involving schools that are members of **different leagues in** the same WIAA District shall be referred to their District Board for resolution. Districts may delegate this authority to the appropriate League(s).

10) **Q&A 17.11.12 (page 110) Corrected required practice dates**

Q-2: Several of the football players on our team also play basketball. Since they won the Football State Championship, we plan to give them the next week to rest before beginning basketball practices since they will need to practice only five days before our first basketball game. Would that be acceptable?

A-2: The provision to waive up to one-half of the practice requirements is available only if the players are unable to meet the practice requirement. If practices are scheduled, they should be expected to participate and are not allowed to waive that practice. If they choose to take a

week off, they would have to get in the full ~~ten~~ **seven** practices before playing in a basketball game.

11) **Q&A 17.11.12 (page 110) Corrected required practice dates**

Q-8: How many practices are required of players on a football team that is still in the playoffs beyond the start of the basketball season?

A-8: Whether the player participates in one, two, or more practices during the football-basketball overlap, the player is required to participate in the first basketball practice following the conclusion of that team's football season, and a minimum of ~~five~~ **four** practices must be completed before the player can participate in a basketball game

12) **A more generic limit for middle level basketball quarters in a season**

33.64.1 Middle level Basketball players may play in two contests, a total of up to eight quarters, in one day, on four 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 in a season~~ **the season quarter limit defined below.**

33.65.3 Any appearance in a quarter, regardless of length of time played, is to be considered as one quarter toward the ~~high school limit of 80 quarters.~~ **the season quarter limit defined above.**



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HOW TO COUNT A CONTEST AND OPTIONS IF A CONTEST IS NOT PLAYED

17.13.0 AUTHORIZED CONTESTS

- 17.13.1 **HIGH SCHOOL** - Individuals or teams representing a member high school in an interscholastic athletic contest may compete only against teams or individuals from (a) another WIAA member high school; (b) Out-of-state schools which are members of state high school associations that belong to the National Federation; and (c) Alumni or teachers of that school.
- 17.13.2 **MIDDLE LEVEL** - Individuals or teams representing a member middle level school in an interscholastic athletic contest may compete only against teams or individuals from (a) another WIAA member middle level school; (b) Out-of-state middle level schools which are members of state high school associations that belong to the National Federation; and (c) Alumni or teachers of that school.

PHILOSOPHY OF CONTEST LIMITATION: *The limitation on the number of contests per day, per week, and per sport per season is predicated on the length of each sports season including state playoffs and as an effort to support local school district desires to promote health and safety, minimize loss of school time, travel and expenses.*

17.14.0 CONTEST LIMITATION - Any athletic practice or contest involving participants from at least two different schools (except as described below), or more than 50 percent of the number required for full participation in any sport by any non-interscholastic team, or any alumni team is considered a game, meet, match, or scrimmage and must count as a contest toward the maximum number of allowable contests for the team and individual in that sport.

17.14.1 Any practice involving students from more than one school conducted by a school district-approved shared coach will be considered a practice and will not count as a contest toward the maximum number of allowable contests for the individuals in that sport.

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17.14.2 COMPETITION AGAINST NON-MEMBER SCHOOLS - Requests to play/practice a non-member school must be submitted in writing to the WIAA Executive Director and approved prior to the event.

~~17.14.2~~ WEEK – definition – A calendar week is 12:00 am Sunday through 11:59 pm Saturday. **(move to 17.11.6.3)**

17.14.3 Each contest must be credited to a squad.

17.14.4 Practice or scrimmage with another team or school during the regular or postseason must be counted as a contest **although there will not be a recorded score.**

17.14.5 Each individual and squad is limited to participating in only the maximum number of contests allowed for that sport.

17.14.5.A FOUNDATION GAME - If approved by the Association, a varsity squad may schedule an additional contest in baseball, basketball, soccer, fastpitch softball, slowpitch softball, volleyball and wrestling for a fee that will benefit the WIAA Foundation. Subvarsity teams may also schedule an additional contest if paired with the varsity Foundation contest at no additional charge to the school.

17.14.6 When determining contest limitations, any league varsity contest will count as a contest for both schools' varsity teams.

DEFINITION OF VARSITY AND SUBVARSITY SQUADS:

- A. In a team sport, a varsity squad is the group of individuals who represent a member school at the highest level of competition in a sport.
- B. A sub-varsity squad is defined as any level of play below the varsity level (junior varsity, c-team, freshman team, etc.) the membership of a sub-varsity team shall typically be composed of varsity substitutes and any other non-varsity players identified on the school's eligibility list

17.14.7 An overtime period is considered an extension of the final period of the contest.

~~17.18.0~~ **CANCELED CONTEST** – **A contest can only be canceled prior to being played.** When a scheduled contest is

17.14.8 canceled **before it is played**, neither team is declared a winner or loser. Both teams may schedule a substitute contest.

Q&A

- ~~17.19.0~~
17.14.9 **FORFEITED CONTEST – A contest may be forfeited prior to being played or after the contest has been played if due to a WIAA rule violation.** 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.~~ **If a contest is forfeited, it is considered to be a complete contest.**
- ~~17.30.0~~
17.14.10 **REFUSING TO PLAY** - After the contest or athletic event has begun, individuals or teams are obligated to participate in a contest or athletic event to its normal conclusion unless the contest is terminated by mutual consent of the school officials involved due to unusual weather or game conditions, or situations which could be hazardous to participants or spectators. Any coach is prohibited from unilaterally refusing to play.
- 17.14.10.1** **If a team refuses to play, that team is considered to have forfeited to the other team.**
- 17.14.10.2** **If less than one-half of a contest has been played before it is forfeited, the team granted the forfeit has the ability to reschedule a substitute contest.**
- 17.14.10.3** **If one-half or more of a contest has been played before it is forfeited, the contest is considered to be a complete contest and the score is final at the time it was forfeited.**
- ~~31.2.1~~
17.14.11 **MUTUALLY AGREE TO TERMINATE** - A contest may be terminated if mutually agreed upon or in any emergency, by agreement of coaches, or ordered by the referee. **the contest is considered to be a completed contest and the score is final.**
- 17.14.12** **INCOMPLETE/SUSPENDED CONTEST** - Any contest called by the official(s) before it can be considered a regulation contest according to NFHS rules shall be a suspended contest and will be continued at a later time as follows:
- A. The contest shall continue from the point of suspension at a later time.
 - B. All conditions of that contest shall be the same (lineup, innings pitched, batting order, fouls, timeouts, etc.) of each team will remain exactly the same as when the contest was suspended.
- 17.14.13** **POSTSEASON QUALIFYING EVENTS** – Postseason contests are those events that are held after the regular season for the purpose of seeding individuals or teams into the next qualifying event or elimination events that qualify individuals or teams directly to the state tournament.
- A. A league championship event where neither individuals nor teams qualify for the postseason must count toward the regular season contest limit.
 - B. Postseason qualifying events are not counted in the regular season contest limitation.
 - C. Following the conclusion of the regular season, individuals who have qualified for the next level of competition may practice with individuals from other schools only if the season contest limitation has not been exceeded. Each practice session is equal to one contest.