

WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION



# WIAA WEDNESDAY



# WELCOME

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**Problems can become opportunities  
when the right people come together.**

*- Robert Redford (1936-2025)*

## WE APPRECIATE THOSE THAT:

1. Are part of the solution and don't simply complain
2. Dream big and work even harder
3. Do the work for others and don't just say they do it for others

# EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION

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## SEPTEMBER 29, 2025 MEETING:

- Approved 14 proposed editorial changes.
- The changes are merely putting into the Handbook current practices and interpretations.

# EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION

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## APPROVED THE EXECUTIVE BOARD GOALS:

1. Successful Launch of Girls Flag Football
2. Refinement of Transfer Eligibility Policy
3. Equity & Legal Compliance in Participation Policies
4. Financial Sustainability & School Support
5. Transparency & Stakeholder Engagement

# EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION

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## APPROVED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S GOALS:

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
4. 10-year financial plan including stabilized funding model developed
5. Enhanced pass system

# SPORTSMANSHIP PLANS FOR 2025-2026

- Plans submitted by schools with 5+ ejections in 2024-25 approved by the Board.
- Best practices taken from sportsmanship plans to share with the Sportsmanship Committee for review and consideration as resources in the AD Toolkit.
- Meetings with Executive Staff have concluded with schools with 5+ ejections for two years in a row:
  - *33 schools with 5+ ejections from 2024-25, 7 schools 5+ two years in a row*
  - *25 schools with 5+ ejections from 2023-24, 7 schools 5+ two years in a row*
  - *12 schools with 5+ ejections from 2023-24,*

# 2025-2026 SCHOLASTIC AWARDS DEADLINES

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**FALL SPORTS:** October 17, 2025 (*Except Golf and Tennis - Submit in Spring*)

**CHEER:** January 9, 2026

**BOWLING:** January 30, 2026

**ALL OTHER WINTER SPORTS & ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES:** February 13, 2026

**SPRING SPORTS:** April 24, 2026

*Scholastic Awards are submitted through FinalForms*

# ALLOCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

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- Exploring a “Hybrid” model that allows for merit-based qualification
- Creates a small “At-Large” Pool of potential qualifiers
- Exploring Ranking Model(s) to rank “At-Large” Pool
- Executive Board will vote in January 2026 with possible implementation in Fall 2026

# AMENDMENTS

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Proposed amendments with all required signatures (five schools, superintendent of sponsoring school, league president, and WIAA District Director must be received at the WIAA office by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, AT 5PM.**

# REMINDERS

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- Winter Rules Clinics will launch on OCTOBER 15
- RPI
- Fall Brackets
- Reminder to submit Cross Country Authorization Forms by Oct. 17

## STATE SCHEDULES:

- **State Swim & Dive:** Two-day schedule (both Girls and Boys Meets)
  - **Girls: November 14-15, 2025**
  - **Boys: February 20-21, 2026**
  - Dates have been updated on the Tournament Central pages
- Slowpitch site reduced to three fields due to field damage on one field

# STATE BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 2026

- **4A:**  
W/Th February 4-5
- **3A:**  
Fri/Sat February 6-7
- **1A/2A:**  
M/T February 9-10

## 2027

- **1A/2A:**  
W/Th February 3-4
- **4A:**  
Fri/Sat February 5-6
- **3A:**  
M/T February 8-9

## 2028

- **4A:**  
W/Th February 2-3
- **3A:**  
Fri/Sat February 4-5
- **1A/2A:**  
M/T February 7-8

# FLAG FOOTBALL

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- Board Action to move 2025-2026 Championships to **February 13-14 (Winter)**
- Based on Survey of League Presidents
  - 106 Schools playing in Winter, 6 Schools 'Planning' to play in Spring (contacted)
- Context
  - **May** - Interest survey sent out to ADs in to assess status
  - **June** - Board set spring date
  - **August** - Fall Workshops straw poll
  - **September** survey to League Presidents to continue planning
  - **September 29** - Staff recommendation to move date
- **One-Year Action (2025-2026 ONLY)**

# FLAG FOOTBALL

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- Bid Docs will be sent **October 1** - Due **November 1**
  - Same dates/deadline for 2026 State Baseball site selection
- Executive Board decision **November 17**
- Girls Flag Football Allocation Count → District Directors in Winter
  - Determine format of State Championship

# FINES & FEES

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- Board adjusted \$100 postseason protest fee from cash only to payable onsite through GoFan
- 22 Fines issued to date
  - **7 SCHOOLS** did not attend a Fall Workshop
  - **4 SCHOOLS** violated the Transfer Window Rule
  - **4 COACHING EJECTIONS** (all assistant coaches)
  - **7 EJECTION APPEALS UPHELD**
- Fines and Fees will be invoiced at the end of each WIAA Sports Season
- Schools are receiving communication from the Office when a fine or fee is assessed and is asking for acknowledgement of receipt
- WIAA Handbook now reflects which fines and fees apply to the ML and HS levels

# FINES & FEES: PROGRAM & PASS GATE FALL SUBMISSION DEADLINES

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PROGRAM INFO. SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>	<b>PASS GATE SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>
<b>SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL</b>	Sunday, October 19	Monday, October 20
<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b>	N/A, no information submission	Wednesday, November 5
<b>1B, 2B VOLLEYBALL</b>	Sunday, November 9	Monday, November 10
<b>1A, 2A VOLLEYBALL</b>	Sunday, November 9	Tuesday, November 11
<b>GIRLS SWIM &amp; DIVE</b>	N/A, no information submission	Tuesday, November 11
<b>FALL SOCCER (GIRLS &amp; 1B/2B BOYS)</b>	Sunday, November 16	Monday, November 17
<b>3A, 4A VOLLEYBALL</b>	Sunday, November 16	Tuesday, November 18
<b>FOOTBALL SEMIFINALS</b>	N/A, no information submission	N/A, no Pass Gate submission
<b>FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>	Sunday, November 30	Monday, December 1

# EJECTIONS

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- **120** Ejections to date (9/30)
  - **93** at the same date in 2024-25
- **88** Football
- **28** Girls Soccer
- **3** Boys Soccer (ML)
- **1** Softball
- Large number due to racial slurs + other language
- **8** Ejection Appeals - 8 at this time in 2024-25
  - **1** Overturned - **7** Upheld (**3** overturned - **5** Upheld last year)

# TRANSFERS: HOW'S IT GOING?

- **1,248** Transfers in the Transfer Tracker - **1,505** including the incompletes
  - **713** athletes deemed eligible by rule at the school level
  - **293** athletes accessed the new transfer rule
  - **75** athletes ruled ineligible at the school level
- **76** District-Level Appeals
  - **13** Denied
  - **49** Approved (left over yet to be heard)
  - **220** District Appeals in Fall of 2025
- **12** State-Level Appeals (38 heard in Fall of 2025)

ALL TRANSFERS PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS (STUDENTS NOT AT YOUR SCHOOL IN 2024-25) MUST BE IN THE FINALFORMS TRANSFER TRACKER!!! \*It's still NOT A PORTAL!\*

# THANK YOU!

