WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

WIAA WEDNESDAY

WELCOME

Our WHY:

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

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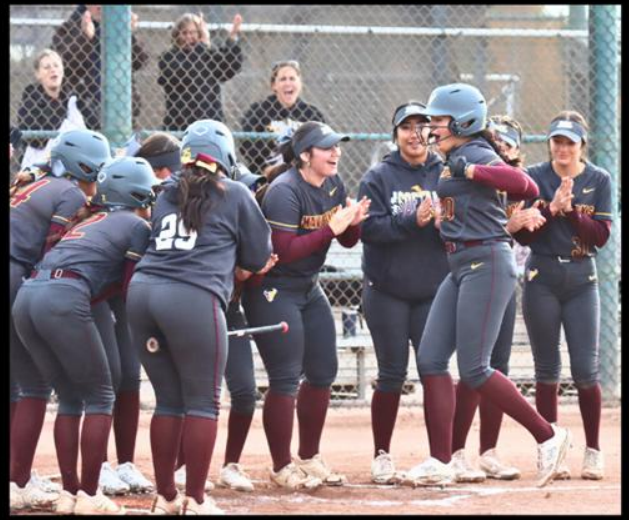

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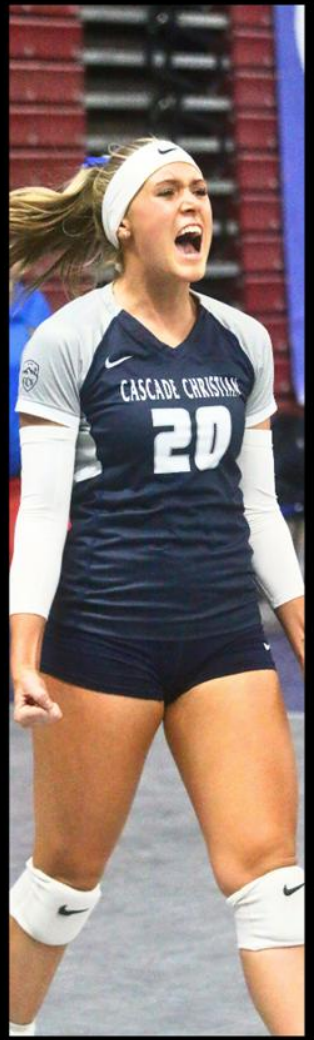
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UPDATES

Fall Championships start this weekend:

- State Slowpitch kicks us off
- Time to see our friends and partners from across the state
- Students are the focus and the state events are a culmination of their hard work

UPDATES

Why the intense focus on improved behavior:

- We know the work you lead matters
  - “Most effective intervention program in the school”
  - “Front porch of the school”
  - Soft skills learned by participants translate to adulthood both professionally and personally
  - It’s FUN!!!!
  - We need to tell our stories. FinalScoreTV will help. Please register for interviews.

UPDATES

Fines & Fees Update:

- Goal is to improve behavior of participants. Here is why:
  - Education-based is a significant term
    - Emotional, competitive and open environment makes this unique in our schools
  - Some large districts have discussed not having athletics in the schools
    - Budget constraints
    - Challenges brought by our unique environment creates public image challenges
  - Some administrators have discussed the demands of their jobs and the additional work athletics brings
- Options
  - Work together for innovative solutions
    - Comprehensive proactive strategies to encourage positive behavior
    - Comprehensive supervision strategies
    - Quit making excuses
- We did this with the transfer rule so we can do it with behavior.
- Education-based as part of basic ed funding model

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UPDATES

Fines & Fees Update:

- 38 Fines & Fees Issued To Date
  - 12 Administrative - Workshops/Transfer Window
  - 13 Ejection Appeals Upheld - Overturned 2 (27 Appeals in 24-25 - 7 Overturned)
  - 13 Coaching Ejections - 16 in 24-25
- 193 Reported Ejections To Date - 175 in 24-25
  - Football - 133 (130 in 24-25)
  - Girls Soccer - 44 (34 in 24-25)
  - Softball - 1

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UPDATES

- Sportsmanship Committee Update
  - Next Meeting November 10, 2025 9:00AM via Zoom
  - Will begin looking at trends, plans that work, solutions
- Cameras are a confirmed asset so funding solutions are a focus
- Board to review fines and fees at its November meeting
  - Loudest concerns on soccer and protests talk to your Board member(s)
- **158** Total Member Schools still outstanding with membership dues
  - 85 Member High Schools
  - Second notices mailed Oct. 9 to Accounts Payable - You can email pho@wiaa.com if you're unsure you've paid
  - Due Nov. 1 by Rule - Not received by Dec. 1, membership revoked and stop services

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TRANSFER UPDATES

- **1,360** Transfers in the Transfer Tracker - **1,630** including the incompletes
  - **785** athletes deemed eligible by rule at the school level
  - **319** athletes accessed the new transfer rule
  - **87** athletes ruled ineligible at the school level
- **74** District-Level Appeals
  - **14** Denied
  - **60** Approved
  - **220** District Appeals in Fall of 2025
- **12** State-Level Appeals (38 heard in Fall of 2025)
- 3 State hearings with lawyers

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATES: PASS GATE & PROGRAMS

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

TOURNAMENT PROGRAMS REMINDER: Now offered exclusively online, printed copies no longer offered.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION PAGE: mywiaa.wiaa.com/tournament-registration-instructions

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STATE VOLLEYBALL TIMELINES

1B, 2B:

- November 9
  - 9AM - Seeding Meeting
  - 8PM - Coaches Zoom Meeting
- November 11
  - Scheduled practice times available at local schools
- November 12-13
  - State Tournament

1A, 2A:

- November 9
  - 9AM - Seeding Meeting
- November 10
  - 8PM - Coaches Zoom Meeting
- November 13
  - Scheduled practice times available at local schools
- November 14-15
  - State Tournament

3A, 4A:

- November 16
  - 9AM - Seeding Meeting
- November 17

  8PM - Coaches Zoom Meeting
- November 20
  - Scheduled practice times available at the SunDome
- November 21-22
  - State Tournament

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GAMES COMMITTEE

- Make sure a Games Committee is in place to deal with protests and appeals of ejections for all postseason contests.
- Due process to be followed is outlined in **WIAA Handbook Rule 22.0.0**.
- Only the WIAA staff can determine if a playing rule has been misinterpreted or misapplied and whether the Games Committee has the authority to act on the protest.

Classification Appeal Process/Timeline

- November 28, 2025 Deadline for Schools to Submit Appeal Paperwork
- December 19, 2025 League Presidents/District Directors Response Form Due
- January 23-24, 2026 District Director Appeal Hearings
- January 25, 2026 WIAA Executive Board Meeting (Final Classification Appeals reviewed)
- mywiaa.wiaa.com/forms/
- 2 Min Drill will be sent this week with more details

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WINTER SEASON UPDATES

Bowling State Championships:

- 3 Separate Classification Tournaments:
  - **4A:** February 4-5, 2026 (Wed/Thurs)
  - **3A:** February 6-7, 2026 (Fri/Sat)
  - **1A/2A:** February 9-10, 2026 (Mon/Tues)

Winter Sports Rules Clinics:

- Launched October 15, 2025
- Must be completed prior to the start of practices/coaching
- Flag Football Rules Clinic
  - My247ed sync to Final Forms is now available

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GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

- Transfer questions
  - **Q:** Are flag football players held to the transfer rules since it was not a sanctioned sport last year?
  - **A**: No, because the sport was not sanctioned last school year, those students are not held to the transfer rule this year only.
- Bid Process
  - Anyone interested in submitting a bid has until 11/1
- NFHS Rulebooks
  - Manual available digitally by 10/31
  - Digital Copy available through NFHS for purchase

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COACHES SCHOOL

2025 WIAA Coaches School

- Registration is open and available on-demand via My247:
  - 1,736 Completions
    - Coaches education requirements every three years
    - Registration closes **March 31, 2026**
    - Content available through **April 30, 2026**
    - New 2026 Coaches School Launches **May 2026**
    - $65 per coach, $55 per coach 25-49 registrants, $50 per coach 50+ registrants

COMPETITIVE CHEER COACHES EDUCATION

A course will be offered via Zoom on **Sunday, October 26 at 7:00pm** on the Coed Tumbling Division and skill requirements.

The zoom link is posted on the cheer resources page.

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86595351960?pwd=Gke1hPpTgqCd5i6w4aYbOnOgoIl4Rq.1

Meeting ID: 865 9535 1960
Passcode: 269659

AMENDMENTS

- 32 amendments were received by the deadline
- A Zoom meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 9 at 8:00am** to introduce the amendments to the Representative Assembly, League Presidents, WIAA District Directors, WIAA Executive Board, and Honorary Executive Board members
- Amendments will be distributed in mid-December
- Amendments will be finalized during the Zoom Winter Coalition meeting on **Monday, January 26**
- Voting will be from **April 8 through April 17**

THANK YOU!

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FACT SHEET

THE WIAA EXISTS TO SERVE, NOT TO RULE

Without associations like us, high school sports and activities would be inequitable, inconsistent, unsafe and disorganized.

YEAR FOUNDED	MEMBER SCHOOLS	SPORTS + ACTIVITIES	PARTICIPANTS
1905	420	29	225,000

State associations like the WIAA were formed to govern high school sports and activities by developing rules for fair play, establishing eligibility standards, and addressing the health and safety of students participating in these programs.

SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- SUPPORT OF STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
- STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- COACH EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- 120+ ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT EVENTS
- STRUCTURE FOR MEMBER SCHOOLS' REGULAR SEASON COMPETITION
- STUDENT, TEAM, COACH AND MEMBER SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS
- PROMOTE STUDENT SAFETY & MINIMIZE RISK
- ESTABLISH CONSISTENT PLAYING RULES
- SPORTSMANSHIP INITIATIVES

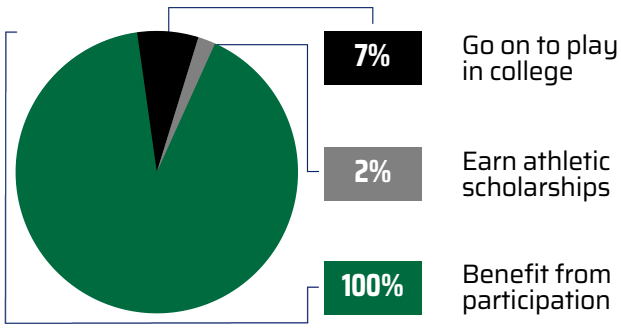
...AND MUCH MORE!

THE PURPOSE OF HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

High involvement in education-based athletics leads to...

- **HIGHER GRADE POINT AVERAGES**
- **HIGHER GRADUATION RATES**
- **GREATER CAREER ASPIRATIONS**
- **FEWER SCHOOL ABSENCES**
- **FEWER DISCIPLINE PROBLEMS**
- **LOWER RISK OF DRUG USE**

Of the **8 MILLION+** student-athletes nationwide...



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PROTECT THE PURPOSE

SOURCES: NCAA, NFHS, WOMEN'S SPORTS FOUNDATION