



FINES & FEES

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BACKGROUND

- Fines and fees were first introduced in the 2013-14 [WIAA Handbook](#) under the original penalty matrix.
- A penalty chart work group, which included former Senator Don Benton, former Representative Dave Quall, former WIAA Executive Director Mike Colbrese, and others, helped shape the framework of the penalty matrix and language in 2012.
- Through the membership renewal process, school boards acknowledge compliance with the Association's rules and regulations, and failure to adhere to such are grounds for imposing penalties.
- After two years of discussion, the WIAA Executive Board finalized the latest set of fines and fees in June, 2025, focusing on persistent issues that have not improved through other interventions.
 - The WIAA Executive Board is composed of representatives elected by each WIAA District, who have been sharing that fines and fees are coming over the last couple of years.

EXAMPLES OF OTHER INTERVENTION

- Coaches already have a \$65 fee for required class to return to coach following an ejection.
- Some WIAA Districts already assess a fine/fee for emergency eligibility hearing requests, late pass issues, etc.
- Fines for late submissions for State Swim & Dive and Music changed behavior.
- Body cameras piloted on officials in specific sports.
- Extended suspensions for severe behavior.

HOW WILL THIS WORK?

- Schools will be notified in a timely manner of any fines/fees.
- Invoices will be sent at the completion of each sports season.
- Residual funds not needed for legal or related costs will likely support initiatives such as purchasing additional body cameras for officials.
 - A three-year pilot on body cameras has already shown a reduction in negative behavior from students, coaches, and fans.

NEXT STEPS

- By discouraging frivolous appeals and protests, WIAA Staff can focus on legitimate appeals and redirect efforts toward other priorities raised by member schools.
- Both WIAA Staff and the WIAA Executive Board recognize this as a work in progress and are committed to making adjustments as needed.



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ADMINISTRATIVE

➤ ML/HS	Missed Deadlines for Membership Renewal*	\$100
➤ HS	Processing late Pass Gate Submissions*	\$100
➤ HS	Processing late Program Information Submissions*	\$100
➤ ML/HS	Playing Too Many Contests in a Season	\$500
➤ ML/HS	Reconsideration of Non-Ejection Appeals <i>After initial State-level non-ejection appeal.</i>	\$500
➤ HS	Schools Not Attending a Fall Workshop	\$500
➤ HS	Missed Deadlines for Postseason Entries*	\$100
➤ HS	Late State Eligibility Appeals After the 50% Date <i>*Deadlines to be shared with membership multiple times in advance.</i>	\$400

CONTESTS

➤ ML/HS	Ejection Appeals (If overturned, money is not collected)	\$200
➤ ML/HS	Ejection of Coaches	\$200
➤ ML/HS	Ejection of School Staff Acting in an Official Capacity	\$500

STATE CONTESTS

➤ HS	Refusal to Address Unauthorized Streaming	\$500
➤ HS	Ejection of Fans	\$200
➤ HS	Unauthorized Fan Entry into Competition Area	\$500
➤ HS	Music Attestation Violation (Cheer, Dance/Drill, Gymnastics)	\$100
➤ HS	Protest Fees at State and District Events (If protest is upheld)	\$100

TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN 2026-27

➤ HS	Schools with Verified Out-of-Compliance Coaches at 50% Date* <i>*Compliance with General and Sport-Specific Online Rules Clinics. Ineligible coaches may regain compliance for the remainder of the regular season, but if a coach is ineligible at the 50% date, the coach will not be able to gain compliance to coach at State contests.</i>	\$500 Per Coach
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