

COMMUNICATION ARTS and LEADERSHIP RULES and REGULATIONS

10.0.0 STANDARDS FOR INTERSCHOLASTIC ELIGIBILITY

- 10.1.0 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS** - A student, in order to participate in interscholastic forensics, music, or theatre/drama programs, shall:
- 10.1.1 Be enrolled and in regular attendance in a member school (a student is a "regular member" of a school if he/she is enrolled half time or more);
 - 10.1.2 Be a participant in a school designated or organized school activity;
 - 10.1.3 Represent only the school that the student regularly attends for interscholastic meets, contests and tournaments unless that student meets the requirement of Article 18.5.2;
 - 10.1.4 Not have graduated from any four or three-year high school.
- 10.2.0 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS - DANCE/DRILL or CHEERLEADING** - In order to try out and to participate in interscholastic dance/drill or cheerleading programs, a student shall meet and maintain both local school standards and WIAA eligibility requirements as listed in Article 18, with the exception of Article 18.10.0 (transferring students) and Article 18.18.0 (concurrent season.)
- 10.3.0 COACHES** - A school appointed coach, or another appointed member of the school faculty, must accompany any school team (or individual) at any time in connection with school sponsored interscholastic competition.

11.0.0 RULES GOVERNING THE SANCTIONING PROCESS FOR INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL FINE ARTS CONTESTS

PHILOSOPHY OF SANCTIONING PROCESS: *As a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations, the WIAA supports the Federation's goals of promoting uniformity of standards in interstate activities, protecting students and schools from exploitation by special interest groups and providing a clear channel of communication for member state associations. AFFIRMATION OF ASSOCIATION GOALS 2.2.3, 2.2.7 AND 2.2.8. THEREFORE:*

- 11.1.0** WIAA, being a member in good standing of the National Federation of State High School Associations, accepts the rules of the organization, as now or hereinafter amended, for all intrastate, interstate (including Canada and Mexico) and international contests. Member school districts must observe the following important rules governing these contests:
- 11.1.1 For all intrastate contests, meets and tournaments, regardless of the number of schools involved, each participating school must obtain permission to attend from their local school board.
 - 11.1.2 In all interstate contests, meets and tournaments, each participating school shall follow the contest, meet and tournament rules of the state association of which it is a member, or rules which have been approved by the state association for interstate competition.
 - 11.1.3 No school which is a member of a Federation member state high school association shall compete in any of the following contests, meets or tournaments unless such contest has been approved by each of the interested associations: (a) Any interstate tournament, meet or contest in which four or more schools participate or which involves three or more state high school associations, (b) Any interstate two-school contest, meet or tournament which involves a round trip exceeding 600 miles; (c) Any interstate two-school contest, meet or tournament (regardless of the distance to be traveled) which is sponsored by an individual or an organization other than a member high school.
 - 11.1.4 Contests or events between schools, which are not sponsored directly by the school district involved, must have WIAA Executive Board approval. The sponsoring organization shall submit a written application to the WIAA Executive Board at least 90 days prior to the scheduled contest(s) or event(s) for the first two years of the event. Continued approval shall be granted if no negative reports are received by the WIAA after the first two years of the contest/event. Sponsoring organizations must inform WIAA of the contest(s) or event(s) dates each year.
 - 11.1.5 WIAA will maintain a listing of all sanctioned and approved events.

12.0.0 CHEERLEADING AS AN ACTIVITY

PHILOSOPHY OF CHEERLEADING PROGRAMS: *The WIAA provides member schools with the opportunity to offer cheerleading as either an activity or as a sport. Article 12.0.0 outlines cheerleading as an activity; Article 54.0.0 outlines cheerleading as a sport.*

12.1.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS - The WIAA member schools shall follow the NFHS Spirit Safety Rules.

12.1.1 Waiver of Standards - Waiver of any safety standards or regulations by member school shall be considered a school violation whether for an individual or group of cheerleaders.

NFHS Spirit Rule 2-2-3 Addition: Members of a cheer squad involved in stunting, including bases, fliers and spotters, shall wear their hair away from the face and off the shoulders.

12.2.0 SPIRIT COMMITTEE - The Spirit Committee will be comprised of twelve (12) members, representing Cheerleading and Dance/Drill. Each WIAA District will nominate one member approved by the WIAA Executive Board. The Current Washington State Cheer Coaches Association president will be an at-large member. The Committee will be comprised of five (5) school administrators and five (5) advisor/coaches. The Committee president shall be appointed annually by the WIAA Executive Board President.

12.2.1 The school administrator may be a superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal or assistant principal. Terms shall be for three (3) years, to begin on September 1. At the expiration of a term, the district that has been represented by a cheerleader coach/advisor will nominate a school administrator. The district that has been represented by a school administrator will nominate a cheerleader coach/advisor.

12.2.2 The Spirit Committee recommends changes in rules to the WIAA Executive Director and acts upon items under the committees' responsibilities and jurisdiction submitted by the representative Activity Districts.

12.2.3 The Washington State Cheerleader Coaches Association (WSCCA) Executive Board is an advisory body to the WIAA Spirit Committee.

12.2.4 The chairperson of the Spirit Committee may report at the meetings of the WIAA Representative Assembly.

12.2.5 Vacancies will be filled by the appropriate Activity District when approved by the WIAA Executive Board.

12.3.0 SEASONS - The cheerleading season and practice regulations are determined by school district policy.

12.3.1 The winter season is designated as the competitive season for Cheerleading.

12.4.0 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS - A student, in order to try out and to participate in cheerleading activities, shall meet and maintain the WIAA eligibility requirements as listed in Article 18 of the WIAA Handbook, with the exception of Article 18.10.0 (Transferring Students,) and local school district standards.

12.5.0 COACHES STANDARDS - Cheerleading coaches must meet the Coach Level Requirements (Article 23.3.0.)

12.6.0 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHEERLEADERS – Only school district accepted cheers should be used at the appropriate times. Cheers or yells with degrading opponent implications and profanity must be avoided. Megaphones and other cheerleading equipment are not permitted in the student rooting section. Cheerleader's actions, responsibility, acceptance, and control of student sections will be evaluated and scored as contributing to sportsmanship awards also.

12.7.0 CROWD CONTROL – One of the prime functions of interscholastic competition is to foster the traits of good sportsmanship. WIAA urges local school administrators to stress to their athletes, student bodies and fans the importance of sportsmanlike conduct and the rules of crowd control during all WIAA contests.

Being the most recognizable representatives of a school, cheerleaders are in a position of great influence over a crowd. The cheerleaders can really set the tone for their crowd and should promote positive sportsmanship, ethics and integrity at all times.

Cheerleading activities should center on the leading or directing the cheering of student and adult fans. In this role, cheerleaders can become the school's most effective student leaders. Cheerleading activities should be focused on creating a cooperative spirit among the cheerleader squads, athletes, student bodies, school administrators and community, recognizing outstanding plays and examples of good sportsmanship on the part of both teams, and aiding the game officials in the promotion of good sportsmanship and the administration of the contest.

12.8.0 QUALIFICATION STANDARDS FOR STATE CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIPS – The qualification standards and requirements for the state cheerleading championships are outlined in the Cheerleading Bound for State Regulations.

13.0.0 DANCE AND DRILL TEAMS AS AN ACTIVITY

PHILOSOPHY OF DANCE/DRILL PROGRAMS: *The WIAA provides member schools with the opportunity to offer dance/drill as either an activity or as a sport. Article 13.0.0 outlines dance/drill as an activity; Article 56.0.0 outlines dance/drill as a sport.*

13.1.0 SEASONS – The Dance/Drill season will begin on the same WIAA adopted date for fall sports, or other beginning date as established by the local school district, and end on the last day of school or other ending date established by the local school district.

13.1.1 The winter season is designated as the competitive season for Dance/Drill.

13.2.0 SPIRIT COMMITTEE - The Spirit Committee will be comprised of twelve (12) members. Each WIAA District will nominate one member approved by the WIAA Executive Board. The Current Washington State Dance/Drill Team Coaches Association president will be a voting member of the Committee. An at-large member recommended by the WIAA Spirit Committee and approved by the WIAA Executive Board will be appointed. There will be at least five (5) school administrators and five (5) advisor/coaches. The Committee president shall be appointed annually by the WIAA Executive Board President.

13.2.1 The school administrator may be a superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal or assistant principal. Terms shall be for three (3) years, to begin on September 1. At the expiration of a term, the district that has been represented by a team coach/advisor will nominate a school administrator. The district that has been represented by a school administrator will nominate a team coach/advisor.

13.2.2 The Spirit Committee recommends changes in rules to the WIAA Executive Director and acts upon items under the committees' responsibilities and jurisdiction submitted by the Dance/Drill Team Activity District.

13.2.3 The Washington State Dance/Drill Team Association (WSDDCA) Executive Board serves as an advisory body to the WIAA Spirit Committee.

13.2.4 The chairperson of the Spirit Committee may report at the meetings of the WIAA Representative Assembly.

13.2.5 By June 1 of each year, the Spirit Committee shall submit to the WIAA Executive Board, for their approval, the recommended guidelines for the State Championships the following year.

13.2.6 The duties of the Spirit Committee shall be to promote interest and participation in spirit team activities by member schools, determine WIAA District team activities, and promote interest in clinics, invitationals and district events.

13.2.7 The appropriate Activity District will fill vacancies when approved by the WIAA Executive Board.

13.3.0 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS - A student, in order to try out and to participate in Dance/Drill Team activities, shall meet and maintain both WIAA eligibility requirements as listed in Article 18 of the WIAA Handbook, with the exception of Article 18.10.0 (Transferring Students,) and local school standards.

13.4.0 QUALIFICATION STANDARDS FOR THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – The qualification standards and requirements for the state dance/drill championships are outlined in the Dance/Drill Bound for State Regulations.

13.5.0 SPECIAL EVENTS - Half time shows, community activities and parades are to be considered special events.

13.5.1 During an activity, all groups shall be under the supervision of an advisor/coach or school authorized designee.

13.5.2 Entry and participation in special events must be approved by the school district.

13.5.3 A school may accept cash and/or any award for participating in a special event if the school (See WIAA Article 18.20 Amateur Standing) authorizes such award.

13.6.0 RULES – NFHS Spirit Rules apply.

13.6.1 WIAA Executive Board approved waiver of NFHS Spirit Rule 3-1-6: Footwear must be appropriate for the activity involved; being barefoot or partial covering of the soles and/or toes will be considered to be appropriate.
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13.7.0 The responsibility and liability of summer and/or out-of-season activities are those of the local school districts and sponsoring individual(s) or organizations.

13.8.0 Attendance at any sanctioned WIAA and WSDDCA sponsored clinic or camp during the season is permissible.

13.9.0 COACHES STANDARDS – Dance and Drill Coaches must meet the Coach Level Requirements (Article 23.0.0).

14.0.0 DEBATE (FORENSICS)

14.1.0 DEBATE (FORENSIC) COMMITTEE - The State Debate (Forensic) Committee will be comprised of school administrators and forensic educators. Members will be nominated by each WIAA District and approved by the WIAA Executive Board. The WIAA Executive Board will appoint the chairperson of the Committee. The president of the Washington State Forensics Association will be an ex-officio member.

14.1.1 The school administrators may be superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals or assistant principals. Terms shall be for three (3) years, to begin on September 1. At the expiration of the term, the district that has been represented by a forensic educator will nominate a school administrator and vice versa.

14.1.2 The Debate (Forensic) Committee recommends changes in rules and acts upon items submitted by the Forensic Activity District.

14.1.3 The WSFA Executive Board is an advisory body to the Debate (Forensic) Committee.

14.1.4 A Debate (Forensic) Committee report may be made to the Representative Assembly.

14.2.0 SEASON LIMITATION - Debate competition shall begin NFHS Week 17 and end with the State Debate Tournament.

14.2.1 Special Regulations

Practice Outings	Competition Season	Competition limit
After October 15	*Week 17 to Debate Tournament	2 Practice Outings 20 Competitive Outings
	*Standardized calendar week, Appendix 8	

14.3.0 SCHOOL LIMITATION - Participation within each WIAA District or in practice competition within the specific season shall be at the discretion of each District Debate (Forensic) Committee.

14.3.1 Middle level school students are excluded from consideration for state tournament competition.

14.3.2 Each school may participate in two (2) practice debate outings and twenty (20) competitive outings (individual district league competition) in one regular academic season, with such limitation not to include the state tournament.

14.3.3 Practice debate outings shall begin after October 15 and may be scheduled for each half of the season.

14.3.4 A practice outing is one in which no records are kept, no decisions are made, and consists of no more than three (3) rounds.

14.3.5 A school may not exceed twenty (20) competitive outings per academic season. However, schools wishing to attend a competition between March 31 and June 1 may petition the WIAA Executive Board.

14.3.6 School, league and/or district outings for competition shall not start any round after 9:00 p.m., nor shall sponsors of Invitational Forensics Tournaments within Washington start any round after 9:00 p.m.

14.4.0 DIRECTORS MEMBERS OF FACULTY - No school group or individual contestant shall be eligible to represent a school in a contest or meet unless the director/coach is at least a part-time employee of the school district in which they teach and the holder of a valid certificate to teach in the State of Washington.

14.5.0 SPECIAL CERTIFICATES FOR TEACHERS - When regularly certificated teachers are unavailable, school officials may apply to the State Board of Education for special certification for teachers of specialized subjects. The issuance of consultant special certificates is limited to (a) person highly qualified and experienced in field of knowledge taught in the common schools, (b) instructional functions other than regular teaching, or (c) persons who are identified as possessing competencies in specified fields and who are assigned instructional responsibility for intramural/interscholastic activities which are part of the district-approved program. Such certificates are issued to individuals who are screened by local school district or educational service district superintendents using criteria approved by the State Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The certificate is valid for two (2) years only for the activity specified [WAC 180-80-250(2)].

14.6.0 SUPERVISION OF GROUPS/CONTESTANTS - During the activity, all contestants/groups shall be under the supervision of a school district staff member as defined above in these Rules and Regulations. Schools may meet this requirement by having both principals and coaches of the participating school fill out the WSFA/WIAA form to have the director/coach of one school, as outlined in 14.4.0, supervise the other participating school's group/contestants at that particular tournament.

14.7.0 COMMUNICATION WITH WIAA - The presidents of the Washington Forensics Association and other appropriate professional organizations shall submit to the Executive Director a roster of state officers, state committees and district officers upon their election or selection to office.

- 14.8.0 COMMUNICATION WITH FORENSIC ORGANIZATIONS** - The Executive Director will submit the list of committee members and WIAA District committee members to the president of the appropriate state professional organization.
- 14.9.0 WIAA DISTRICT ORGANIZATION** - The schools of the state participating in Debate (Forensics) will be divided into Activity Districts by WIAA (Article 5).
- 14.9.1 WIAA Districts may be subdivided or joined with contiguous WIAA Districts on approval of WIAA District Boards and the WIAA Executive Board.
- 14.10.0 THE WIAA DISTRICT COMMITTEE** - Each WIAA District shall appoint a Debate (Forensic) Committee. Committee members shall include: the district debate manager, the district's State Forensic Committee member, the state officer of the Forensics Association if they reside in the district, as well as others selected by the WIAA District.
- 14.10.1 Duties of the District Committee - The committee shall promote interest and participation in forensic activities by member schools, determine district forensic activities, promote interest in clinics, schedule league and district events, and determine the method of entry into state tournaments.
- 14.11.0 DISTRICT DEBATE MANAGER** - The manager shall be responsible for conducting district-wide activities according to the policies of the District Debate (Forensic) Committee and the WIAA District.
- 14.11.1 After October 15, the WIAA office will inform the district manager of the schools which are participating in Debate (Forensic) activities.
- 14.11.2 The manager and committee plan the activities so that each registered school has an equal opportunity to qualify for state tournament competition.
- 14.11.3 By January 10 of each school year, the district manager shall file with the WIAA office a list of all the active participating schools within the WIAA District (school must have a minimum of six (6) interscholastic debaters to be an active participating school). Schools eligible for district competition and state tournaments are the schools named on the WIAA list submitted to districts as soon as possible after October 15.
- 14.11.4 The district manager will inform the Executive Director about the dates of the WIAA district forensic events.
- 14.11.5 The WIAA Executive Board shall notify each district manager of the number of state tournament entries.
- 14.11.6 At least three (3) weeks prior to the State Debate Tournament and State Individual Events Tournament, the district manager shall certify to the Executive Board of the Washington State Forensics Association those schools which have qualified for state tournament competition, plus the name of an alternate school(s). The Executive Board of the WSFA shall submit the names of these schools to the tournament officials (at the sponsoring university, college or member school, which shall mail tournament information to competing schools.) If a team or individual is unable to compete, the district manager should be notified and they in turn should notify the WIAA District office. The Association office will grant this place to the WIAA District with the highest partial allocation, and notify the district manager involved and the state tournament manager.
- 14.12.0 INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS** - An invitational tournament is defined as a tournament that includes schools from more than one WIAA District, is held at an accredited school, college or university, and presents awards to winning contestants. (See Article 11)
- 14.12.1 The State Debate (Forensic) Committee upon the recommendation of the Washington State Forensics Association may recommend invitational Forensic Tournaments. The WIAA Executive Board grants final approval.
- 14.12.2 Each tournament shall agree to use two high school debate coaches in an advisory capacity.
- 14.12.3 The debate question to be used at each tournament shall be the official question adopted by the Washington State Forensics Association. The tournament director shall make no revisions or interpretation of the official debate question.
- 14.12.4 Each Tournament Manager shall agree to abide by the recommendations of the WSFA regarding time limits and patterns for Debate.
- 14.12.5 Schools outside the 50-mile radius of the school sponsoring an invitational tournament need furnish only one judge unless a school commutes to the tournament.
- 14.12.6 No member school shall participate in an unapproved invitational tournament.
- 14.12.7 Only member schools of the WIAA shall participate in approved invitational tournaments. Member schools of neighboring state associations may be invited.
- 14.12.8 Non-school sponsors of invitational forensic tournaments within the state shall complete an application form before being granted approval to conduct the tournaments. Such application must be submitted to the WIAA office at least sixty (60) calendar days (not including July or August) before the event.

- 14.13.0 STATE TOURNAMENTS** - A State Debate Tournament and a State Individual Events Tournament are held under the auspices of the WIAA Forensic Committee.
- 14.13.1 See State Forensics Tournament Regulations.
- 14.13.2 Tournament site and date are selected and announced each year.
- 14.13.3 The Forensic Committee shall, at its first meeting of the school year, adopt regulations for the conduct of the state tournament, and the WIAA Executive Board must approve the rules.
- 14.13.4 Allocations to the state tournament are made in accordance with the allocation formula and shall be determined on a two (2) year basis to coincide with the classification cycle.
- 14.13.5 The WIAA Forensic Committee shall oversee the state tournament, but the primary operation of the tournament shall be the responsibility of the WSFA and of the speech department of the college sponsoring the tournament. The WSFA Executive Board must approve all rules and arrangements for the state tournament.

15.0.0 MUSIC

- 15.1.0 MUSIC COMMITTEE** - The State Music Committee will be comprised of school administrators and music educators. The WIAA Districts shall nominate the school administrator. The music educators shall be appointed by WIAA through the districts from a list recommended by WMEA. The WIAA Executive Board will select the chairperson. At the expiration of a term, the WIAA District that has been represented by a music educator will nominate a school administrator. A music educator appointed by the WIAA will represent a district formerly represented by a school administrator.
- 15.1.1 The term "school administrator" defines an educator serving as school administrator, as a supervisor in curriculum or holding some other supervisory position.
- 15.1.2 The President of the Washington Music Educators Association shall be an ex officio member of this committee.
- 15.1.3 The Music Committee recommends changes in rules and acts on items submitted by the music WIAA/WMEA Districts.
- 15.1.4 The WMEA Executive Board is an advisory body to the State Music Committee.
- 15.1.5 A State Music Committee report may be made to the Representative Assembly.
- 15.2.0 DIRECTORS MEMBERS OF FACULTY** - No school group or individual contestant shall be eligible to represent a school in a contest or meet unless the director/coach is at least a part-time employee of the school district in which they teach and the holder of a valid certificate to teach in the State of Washington.
- 15.2.1 Special certificates for teachers** - When regularly certificated teachers are unavailable, school official may apply to the State Board of education for special certification for teachers of specialized subjects. The issuance of consultant special certificates is limited to (a) persons highly qualified and experienced in fields of knowledge taught in the common schools, (b) instructional functions other than regular teaching, or (c) persons who are identified as possessing competencies in specified fields and who are assigned instructional responsibility for intramural/interscholastic activities which are part of the district-approved program. Such certificates are issued to individuals who are screened by local school district or educational service district superintendents using criteria approved by the State Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Certificate is valid for two (2) years only for the activity specified [WAC 180-250(2)].
- 15.3.0 SUPERVISION OF GROUPS/CONTESTANTS** - During the activity, all contestants/groups shall be under the supervision of a school district staff member.
- 15.4.0 COMMUNICATION WITH WIAA** - The presidents of the Washington Music Educators Association and other appropriate professional organizations shall submit to the Executive Director a roster of state officers, state committees and district officers upon their election or selection to office.
- 15.5.0 WIAA COMMUNICATION WITH MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS** - The Executive Director will submit the list of committee members and WIAA District Committee members to the president of the appropriate state professional organization.
- 15.6.0 TRAVEL LIMITATION** - All events in which school musicians participate shall be subject to the WIAA District or school district rules.
- 15.7.0 CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS** - The classification of schools for interscholastic music contest purposes will be the same as used in athletics.
- 15.8.0 JUDGING** - Sponsors of non-school music events should refer to their local music directors for suggestions of qualified judges.
- 15.9.0 AWARDS** - A school may accept cash and/or any award for participating in a community activity.
- 15.10.0 WIAA DISTRICT ORGANIZATION** - The schools of the state participating in Music will be divided into Activity Districts.

- 15.10.1 WIAA Districts may be subdivided or joined with contiguous WIAA Districts on approval of WIAA District Boards and the WIAA Executive Board.
- 15.11.0 WIAA DISTRICT MUSIC COMMITTEE** - Each WIAA District shall establish a Music Committee to organize and administer music competitions and festivals, and to encourage clinics and workshops.
- 15.11.1 The recommended representation on the District Committee shall consist of designated delegates from each of the regions that comprise the district, with at least two music educators appointed by district music directors of the WMEA and two administrators nominated by the WMEA music directors of the district and approved by the WIAA District Executive Board. Also, the WIAA State Music Committee member and any WMEA State officer in the WIAA District are members of the committee.
- 15.11.2 All school-sponsored music activities involving more than two school districts within the WIAA District shall be approved by the Music Committee of the WIAA Districts before action by the WIAA District Executive Board. Approval remains in effect until a change in organization and/or procedure is made.
- 15.11.3 Each WIAA District Board shall set the date for all district-level activities and shall insure that all have equal status in all WIAA District activities. These dates must also be coordinated with the dates of State-level activities. All music dates, as well as dates for all other WMEA-approved activities, shall promptly be forwarded to the Executive Director of WIAA, who shall promptly notify all WIAA Districts of these dates. The WIAA District Board shall strictly enforce all dates once established.
- 15.11.4 The Washington Music Educators Association will act in an advisory capacity to all WIAA District Music Committees.
- 15.12.0 STATE SOLO and ENSEMBLE CONTESTS** - The State Solo and Ensemble Contests will be held under the auspices of the WIAA Music Committee.
- 15.12.1 See State Solo and Ensemble Contest Regulations
- 15.12.2 Contest site and dates are selected and announced each year.
- 15.12.3 The Music Committee shall recommend regulations for the contests. The Executive Boards of WMEA and WIAA must approve the regulations.
- 15.12.4 Allocations to the contests are made in accordance to WIAA Executive Board policy.
- 15.12.5 The WIAA Music Committee shall oversee the State Solo and Ensemble Contests, but the primary operation of the contest shall be the responsibility of the WMEA. All rules and arrangements for the state contests must be approved by the WMEA and WIAA Executive Boards.
- 15.13.0 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS PARTICIPATION** - A high school may use seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) graders in music activities provided approval by the principals has been granted.

16.0.0 THEATRE/DRAMA

- 16.1.0 SEASON** - Theatre/Drama activities may begin on the first day of school for students and shall end on the last day of school for students, unless otherwise approved by the local school board.
- 16.1.1 Limitation of Event - All interscholastic theatre/drama events of the WIAA inter-district level or higher level will be approved under Article 11.0.0.
- 16.1.2 Sanctioned events include the Washington State Thespian Conference, Northwest Drama Conference Region #9.
- 16.1.3 The Washington State High School Theatre Festival will be sponsored by WATE, and sanctioned by WIAA, with certificates provided by WIAA.
- 16.1.4 A list of the yearly Theatre/Drama invitationals, festivals and conferences in each district are reviewed and compiled by the Theatre/Drama Committee at their annual meeting. A published list of events is available to member schools. All other events in which school theatre/drama students participate shall be subject to the WIAA District or school district rules.
- 16.2.0 DIRECTORS MEMBERS OF FACULTY** - No school group or individual contestant shall be eligible to represent the school in a contest or meet unless the director/coach is at least a part-time employee of the school district in which he/she teaches and the holder of a valid certificate to teach in the state of Washington.

- 16.2.1 Special Certificates for Teachers - When regularly certified teachers are unavailable, school officials may apply to the State Board of Education for special certification for special certification for teachers of specialized subjects. The issuance of consultant special certifications is limited to (a) persons highly qualified and experienced in fields of knowledge taught in the common schools, (b) instructional functions other than regular teaching or (c) persons who are identified as possessing competencies in specified fields and who are assigned instructional responsibility for intramural/interscholastic activities which are part of the district-approved program. Such certificates are issued to individuals who are screened by local school district or educational service district superintendents using criteria approved by the State Board of Education and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The certificate is valid for two (2) years only for the activity specified [WAC 180-80-250(2)].
- 16.3.0 SUPERVISION OF GROUPS/CONTESTANTS** - During the activity, all groups/contestants shall be under the supervision of a school district staff member.
- 16.4.0 COMMUNICATION WITH WIAA** - The State Director to Thespians and the presidents of WATE and other appropriate professional organizations shall submit to the Executive Director a roster of state officers, state committee and district officers upon their election or selection to office.
- 16.5.0 WIAA COMMUNICATION WITH THEATRE/DRAMA ORGANIZATIONS** - The WATE and Thespian Executive Boards are advisory board to the WIAA Executive Board.
- 16.6.0 JUDGING** - Sponsors of theatre/drama events should refer to WIAA for suggestions for qualified judges.
- 16.6.1 WIAA may facilitate a clinic for adjudicators from the theatre community.
- 16.7.0 AWARDS** - A school may accept cash and/or any award for participating in a community activity.

SPORT RULES AND REGULATIONS

17.0.0 GENERAL SPORT RULES

PHILOSOPHY OF GENERAL SPORT RULES: *As with all of the rules and regulations of the Association the general rules and regulations for sports are adopted by the membership via their representation on the WIAA on the WIAA Representative Assembly. AFFIRMATION OF ASSOCIATION GOALS 2.2.1, 2.2.4 AND 2.2.8. THEREFORE:*

- 17.1.0 SCHOOL YEAR** - The school year is defined as being the first day of turnouts for fall sports until the final spring state tournament has been completed (high school) or until after the completion of the final sports season (middle level.)
- 17.2.0 IN SEASON - DEFINITION** - In season will be the first day of turnouts for that sport and will conclude with the final day of the state event for that sport in that classification.
- 17.2.1 In the absence of a sport being offered by the middle level school, twelve (12) consecutive weeks as determined by the school board within the high school season dates shall apply.
- 17.2.2 The first day of the fall sports season is the first allowable practice date for all fall sports except high school football.
- 17.3.0 ALTERNATE SEASON - DEFINITION** - An alternate season is a sports season other than the regular sports season designated by the WIAA Executive Board. The alternate season must not exceed the same number of weeks as the regular season in that sport.
- 17.3.1 If the established sports seasons do not meet local needs (e.g. because of climate, facilities, availability of coaches) a school or group of schools may petition the WIAA Executive Board for the establishment of an alternate sport season.
- 17.3.2 When individuals/teams play in the alternate season and qualify for postseason qualifying events in that sport, the individuals/teams are required to have a minimum of ten (10) days of practice prior to any subsequent competition. Practices are not required in golf, but are allowed. These practices (including golf) may start no sooner than twenty (20) school days prior to **round one** of the state tournament. Each member of the team is allowed to practice. Schools may schedule two (2) contests after the first ten (10) practice days provided these contests would not exceed the total yearly limitation. Only players that have had ten (10) days of practice may take part in these contests.
- 17.3.3 During the additional practice period all regular rules and regulations apply.
- 17.3.4 Contests that are conducted during an alternate season must meet all regulations pertaining to that sport.
- 17.4.0 POSTSEASON CONTESTS** - Postseason contests are those contests held in order to qualify for State Tournament and are played after the regular season has terminated.