

- 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

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### 17.0.0 GENERAL SPORT RULES

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**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.

**PHILOSOPHY OF THE OUT-OF-SEASON REGULATIONS:** *The out-of-season regulations are established to limit the involvement of the school and school coach to the WIAA designated season, thereby providing student athletes the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities during the school year and ensuring that each school has an equal opportunity to provide fair competition. AFFIRMATION OF ASSOCIATION GOALS 2.2.2 AND 2.2.4. THEREFORE:*

**17.5.0 OUT-OF-SEASON - DEFINITION** – Out-of-season is that time during which paid or volunteer coaches can not coach present or future squad members.

**HIGH SCHOOL** - Out-of-season for all high school sports shall be from August 1 until the first day of the specific sport turnouts and from the final day of the state tournament in that classification for that sport until the conclusion of the final spring sport state tournament.

**MIDDLE LEVEL** – Out-of-season for middle level sports shall be no earlier than the starting date for the high school fall season until the conclusion of the final day of the middle level spring league schedule. Each specific sport season begins with the first practice day established by the league and concludes on the final day of the league schedule.

17.5.1 For the purposes of the out-of-season regulations, the WIAA has determined that slow pitch and fast pitch softball shall be considered separate and distinct sports. In addition, high school interscholastic wrestling, freestyle wrestling, and Greco-Roman wrestling shall be considered separate and distinct sports.

17.5.2 School sponsorship or promotion of practice and/or participation in a given sport contest is restricted to the WIAA designated season for that sport. School wide posting or distributing of information pertaining to a specific event or activity and/or encouraging students to participate in the event or activity is permissible.

17.5.3 Practice shall be limited to each sports season as defined under each sport.

17.5.4 Use of school equipment, facilities and/or transportation is contingent upon local school district written policy.

A. School uniforms may be worn ONLY during the WIAA season for that sport except during Washington State Coaches Association 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.

B. Coaches may not transport current and/or prospective athletes to an out-of-season event in their particular sport.

17.5.5 A coach of a school team (paid or volunteer) may conduct practice only during the WIAA sport season.

17.5.6 Practice is defined as a regularly scheduled team physical activity designed for the preparation of athletes for the ensuing sports season and must be conducted under the supervision of the school coach. A practice is further defined as any attempt by the coach of a school team (paid or volunteer) to teach any phase of a game or activity to their squad or have their squad or part of their squad engage in drills under the supervision of that coach, or from directions provided by that coach.

17.5.7 A coach may have one (1) organizational meeting with the incoming freshmen or sophomore at each middle or junior high school for students who are enrolled in the middle or junior high school whose attendance area is within the high school's attendance area and one (1) meeting with the squad prior to the opening day of practice to issue equipment and to explain to the participants such issues as insurance, physical examinations, season's plans, training regulations and any other pertinent information deemed necessary by the coach.

A. This restriction does not apply to fundraising activities unless the fundraising activities include skills that are specific to the sport being coached. Fundraising activities are subject to the approval and rules of the participating school districts and/or Association Student Body governments.

B. Organization or implementation of the wrestling weight management program is not considered to be the one (1) organizational meeting.

17.5.8 In the sport coached, a school coach may not sponsor, coach or direct activities which resemble out-of-season practices or contests to any of their squad members, past or future squad members (high schools and feeder schools in the school district) except during the designated season for that sport until after the final spring WIAA tournament is completed (high school) or until after the completion of the final spring sports season (middle level.) A feeder school may be either grades 7 and 8 or grades 7, 8 and 9.

A. A coach may coach his/her child at any time.

B. Public School District defined: The school district for public schools is defined by public school boundaries.

- 1) If a school district has specific boundaries for its high school(s) and middle school(s), a high school coach may coach students in the high school and the middle school(s) that feed directly to the high school only during their designated season (when the high school and middle level programs overlap or if that coach is contracted to coach at both the high school and middle level) or during the summer.
  - 2) During the out-of-season time period, the coach could coach high school students attending a different high school or a middle school that does not feed directly to the high school in which that coach was hired to coach.
  - 3) If a school district has an open enrollment policy, then a high school coach may coach students only in the high school in which the coach is contracted to coach during the designated high school season or during the summer.
- C. During the out-of-season time period, a private high school coach may not coach middle level students who
- 1) Attend a designated feeder school owned and operated by the high school where the coach is contracted to coach; or
  - 2) In the case where no designated feeder school exists, reside in the public school district where the private high school is located.

**D. A coach may coach seniors who are past squad members after the season is over for one practice and one Washington State Coaches Association all-state game.**

17.5.9 STUDENTS AS MANAGERS OF HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

- A. A manager of a team is limited to preparing water/drinks and providing supplies to the coach and/or players.
- B. Managers are not allowed to participate in any warm-up or practice drills in the same role as the athletes.

17.5.10 SQUAD MEMBERS AS VOLUNTEER COACHES – High school players may serve as middle level assistant coaches/volunteers during the designated middle school season. **These high school students must meet WIAA coaches standards minimum requirements as stipulated in Article 23.0.0.**

**17.6.0 PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES: A member school makes decisions regarding curriculum content and teachers and may limit the involvement of its coaching staff in teaching specific courses. Coaches may teach physical education classes provided all of the following conditions are met:**

- 17.6.1. The class must be open to all students. The class must include students who do not participate in the sport the coach coaches.
- 17.6.2 A variety of sports must be taught during the quarter or semester.
- 17.6.3 A variety of offensive and defensive strategies in each sport should be emphasized. Class time should not be used to teach offensive and/or defensive strategies that will be implemented by the school team, particularly if the defensive strategies are designed around a specific opponent from another school or another school team.
- 17.6.4 Videotapes or films may be shown to the entire class for group instruction. Videotapes or films of interscholastic contests should not be viewed on a one-to-one basis during class time.
- 17.6.5 Class members may not challenge one another for positions on the varsity squad in a specific sport. Example: A high jumper jumping during class time for his/her class grade would be allowed, as long as he/she does not challenge another student for a position on the varsity track team.
- 17.6.6 Class time may not be used to choreograph, critique, nor judge/officiate a competitive routine during class time.

**17.7.0 YEAR ROUND CONDITIONING - A member school may organize and supervise a year-around conditioning program to include weight training, running and exercising provided all of the following conditions are met:**

- 17.7.1 Participation in year round conditioning cannot be a requirement or condition of participation on a school team;
- 17.7.2 It is open to all students;
- 17.7.3 Instruction in specific sports skills is not provided.

**17.8.0 OPEN GYM - Schools may conduct open athletic facilities (gym, pools, field, and track) in the off season if all of the following conditions are met:**

- 17.8.1 The program is part of the school district organized recreational or activity program; and
- 17.8.2 Activities are open and advertised to all members of the student body; and

- 17.8.3 Students have a choice of activities; and
- 17.8.4 No coaching or drilling of the athletes attending occurs; and
- 17.8.5 Supervision is provided by any individual approved by the school district; and
- 17.8.6 Participation in open gym cannot be a requirement or condition of participation on a school team.

**17.9.0 SPORT CAMPS OR CLINICS** - Participants in a school-sponsored sport may attend camps or clinics at any time during the school year or during the summer. However, a participant in a school sponsored sport cannot attend any camps or clinics in that sport after July 31 if the participant's coach is a clinician/organizer of that camp or clinic.

**PHILOSOPHY OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES:** *Students may be afforded the opportunity to participate in activities during the summer if they so choose. Students should also be provided with an opportunity to participate with their families during the summer or simply take a break from sports prior to the start of fall sports turnouts. Limiting participation during the month of August for fall sports athletes helps to ensure that all students begin the fall sports season on an equal basis. AFFIRMATION OF ASSOCIATION GOALS 2.2.2 AND 2.2.3. THEREFORE:*

**17.10.0 SUMMER ACTIVITIES** - Summer is defined for high schools as the first day following the WIAA spring tournaments through July 31. Summer is defined for middle level schools as the first day following the final day of the spring sports schedules through July 31.

- 17.10.1 Coaches may conduct activities during the summer on their own, as individuals.
- 17.10.2 School districts may authorize the use of facilities, school equipment (such as football helmets and shoulder pads, balls, etc), sport specific apparatus (such as batting cages, football sleds, nets, etc), facilities, and/or transportation for individuals and/or teams during the summer if approved by the local school board.
- 17.10.3 School districts may provide liability insurance for summer programs.
- 17.10.4 School districts may not allow for the use of school uniforms during the summer. 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.
- 17.10.5 Participation in summer programs cannot be a requirement or condition of participation on a school team.
- 17.10.6 **Requests to extend the contact date beyond the July 31 cutoff required for school coaches are allowed for non-school programs which are affiliated with a national championship/World Series held during the month of August and whose teams have qualified for the next level of competition ultimately leading to the national championship/World Series. A member school administrator from the coach's school may request this waiver of the July 31 end of contact period through [my.wiaa.com](http://my.wiaa.com).**

**17.11.0 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION** - Prior to the first practice for participation in interscholastic athletics a student shall undergo a thorough medical examination and be approved for interscholastic athletic competition by a medical authority licensed to perform a physical examination.

- 17.11.1
  - A. Documentation of a detailed review of the student's medical history with special attention to presence or absence of cardiovascular/pulmonary risks and/or previous significant injury and rehabilitation there from.
  - B. Documentation of satisfactory examination of the cardiopulmonary system.
  - C. Documentation of satisfactory sport-specific orthopedic screening examination.
  - D. A written statement by the examiner as to the fitness of the student to undertake the proposed athletic participation, together with suggestion for activity modification if necessary.
- 17.11.2 Those licensed to perform physical examinations include a Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP), Physician's Assistant (PA), and Naturopathic Physician.
- 17.11.3 The school in which this student is enrolled must have on file a statement (or prepared form) from a medical authority licensed to give a physical examination, certifying that the participant's physical condition is adequate for the activity or activities in which the student wishes to participate.
- 17.11.4 To resume participation following an illness and/or injury serious enough to require medical care, a participating student must present to the school officials a written release from a physician licensed to perform physical examinations as listed in 17.11.1 and/or a dentist as applicable.
- 17.11.5 The physical examination shall be valid for twenty-four (24) consecutive months to the date unless otherwise limited by local school district policy or when the physician indicates the physical is only good for less than twenty-four (24) consecutive months.

- 17.11.6 For each subsequent twenty-four month period the student shall furnish a statement or physical examination form signed by a medical authority licensed to perform a physical examination that provides clearance for continued athletic participation.
- 17.12.0 PRACTICE REGULATIONS** - School sponsorship or promotion of practice and/or participation in a given sport contest must be restricted to the WIAA designated season for that sport. Several practice regulations that apply to all sports during the school year are as follows.
- 17.12.1 **PRACTICE DEFINITION** – Practice is defined as a regularly scheduled team physical activity designed for the preparation of athletes for the ensuing sports season and must be conducted under the supervision of the school coach. Participation in physical education classes does not constitute a practice. A practice is further defined as any attempt by the coach of a school team (paid or volunteer) to teach any phase of a game or activity to their squad or have their squad or part of their squad engage in drills under the supervision of that coach, or from directions provided by that coach. Also refer to “Contest Limitation” and to “Non-School Participation.”
- 17.12.2 For the purpose of meeting the pre-contest practice requirements, an athlete must participate in a majority of a designated practice time. An individual may meet pre-contest practice requirements only when practicing during regular team practices.
- 17.12.3 Practice shall be limited to each sports season as defined under each sport. Practices in one (1) sport can not be transferred toward the number of practices required in another sport.
- 17.12.4 A coach of a school team (paid or volunteer) may conduct practice only during the WIAA sport season.
- 17.12.5 One (1) day is equal to one (1) practice for purposes of meeting the minimum practice requirements.
- 17.12.6 Practice days are considered to be Monday through Saturday.
- A. Sundays may not be counted toward meeting the minimum practice requirements.
- B. A nationally recognized holiday is an allowable practice day.
- 17.12.7 Practice on a game day shall not allow an athlete to become eligible for competition on that day.
- 17.12.8 Participation in pre-contest warm-up exercises shall not count as a required practice.
- 17.12.9 **Interruption of Pre-contest Practices** - If an individual athlete's pre-contest practice is interrupted, the following procedure will be used to assure that an appropriate period of practice precedes interscholastic competition:
- A. An interruption of up to three (3) consecutive school scheduled practice days, excluding Sunday, will have no effect on the value of previous practice days in determining compliance with pre-contest practice requirements. For example: If an athlete has completed seven (7) days of practice and then did not practice for three (3) consecutive school scheduled practice days, excluding Sunday, the previous seven (7) days would still count toward the minimum individual practices required before interscholastic competition.
- B. Beginning with the fourth (4) consecutive school scheduled practice day without practice, the total number of days missed will be subtracted from the number of days previously practiced to determine compliance with pre-contest practice requirements. For example: If an athlete completed six (6) days of practice, and then did not practice for five (5) school scheduled practice days, only one (1) of the previous practice days could be counted toward meeting the minimum pre-contest requirement. If an athlete completed eight (8) days, and then missed five (5) days, only three (3) of the previous days could be counted toward meeting the minimum pre-contest practice requirements.
- C. Once the pre-contest practice requirements have been met, each school has the authority to establish minimum requirements regarding return to play.
- 17.12.10 **Waiver of Individual Practice Requirements**
- A. An individual who participates in any level of WIAA sanctioned post season playoffs and who cannot meet the minimum practice requirements for the succeeding sport will be allowed to waive up to a maximum of one-half of the required individual practice days for that sport only if the available team practice days for each individual involved in the preceding playoffs are insufficient to meet the minimum requirement before a scheduled contest.

- B. An individual, who participated and qualified in the alternate (fall) season for a spring state championship and who also participates in a spring sport, will be allowed to waive up to a maximum of one-half of the required individual practice days for the alternate season sport before a scheduled contest in that sport.

**17.13.0 SQUAD - DEFINITION** - A group of students playing together against another group of students is a squad. A student is considered a member of a squad when the student is included on a school's eligibility list for that sport.

**17.14.0 AUTHORIZED CONTESTS- 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 school; (b) Out-of-state schools which are members of state high school associations that belong to the National Federation; (c) College freshmen; and (d) Alumni 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.*

**AFFIRMATION OF ASSOCIATION GOALS 2.2.1 AND 2.2.4. THEREFORE:**

**17.15.0 CONTEST LIMITATION** - Any athletic practice or contest involving participants from at least two (2) different schools, any non-interscholastic teams, or any adult 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. Refer to "Practice Regulations."

- 17.15.1 WEEK – definition – A calendar week is 12:00 am Sunday through 11:59 pm Saturday.
- 17.15.2 Each contest must be credited to a squad.
- 17.15.3 Practice or scrimmage with another team or school during the regular or postseason must be counted as a contest.
- 17.15.4 Each squad is limited to participating in only the maximum number of contests allowed for that sport.
- 17.15.5 When determining contest limitations, any league varsity contest will count as a contest for both schools' varsity teams.

**Definition of a varsity contest:**

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.
A pattern of attempting to circumvent rules, regulations and/or policies shall be subject to review and possible penalty to be imposed by the WIAA Executive Board.	

- 17.15.6 An overtime period is considered an extension of the final period of the contest.
- 17.15.7 POSTSEASON QUALIFYING EVENTS** – Postseason contests held after the regular season for the purpose of seeding individuals or teams into the next qualifying event or which qualify individuals or teams directly to the state tournament are not counted in the regular season contest limitation.
- 17.15.8 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 (1) contest.

**17.16.0 MEMBER SCHOOLS INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS AND MEETS** - Member schools may sponsor or participate in invitational tournament(s) or meet(s).

- 17.16.0.1 Each team is permitted to participate in invitational tournaments or jamborees as listed in that particular sport section.
- 17.16.0.2 Each contest in an invitational tournament must be counted as one (1) seasonal contest toward the team and individual contest limitation, unless otherwise indicated in the specific sport section.
- 17.16.0.3 The same rules governing the number of games per day and other playing rules will be followed.
- 17.16.0.4 Invitational tournaments shall be held on the premises of the sponsoring school or within the school district of the sponsoring school.

- 17.17.0 MIDDLE LEVEL TOURNAMENTS and PLAYOFFS** - A middle level school program shall not permit play-offs after the conclusion of the regular season (maximum number of events allowed.) Culminating events may be allowed provided participants or teams do not exceed the maximum number of events or contests allowed in that sport.
- 17.18.0 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.
- 17.19.0 CANCELED CONTEST** - When a scheduled contest is canceled, neither team is declared a winner or loser. Both teams may schedule a substitute contest.
- 17.20.0 FORFEITED CONTEST** - When a scheduled contest is forfeited, the team granted the forfeit is declared the winning team and the team that caused the forfeit is declared the losing team. Only the team granted the forfeit is allowed to schedule a substitute contest.
- 17.21.0 SUNDAY CONTESTS** - Participation on Sunday in any athletic contest or other WIAA sanctioned event cannot be expected or required of any school without prior permission and approval of each participating school's local school board, nor can any penalty or forfeiture be imposed for not participating on Sunday.
- 17.22.0 WAIVER OF CONTEST LIMITATIONS FOR POSTPONEMENTS** - The WIAA Executive Director shall have authority to develop criteria and procedures to grant a waiver of the number of contests per week or duration of time between contests provided written request of member schools includes the following:
- 17.22.0.1 Specifies rescheduled dates, locations, and opponents.
  - 17.22.0.2 School board/Superintendent concurrence and approval of the request.
  - 17.22.0.3 If approval of the request impacts opponents, those schools must have school board and Superintendent approval of any schedule change not complying with rule.
  - 17.22.0.4 No other rule is waived for individual student or team.
  - 17.22.0.5 Under no circumstance shall the limitations and/or time elements for individual players specified in the WIAA adopted sports rule books (e.g. pitcher limitations, number of events in track, time between events, number of quarters per day, etc.) be waived.
- 17.23.0 EXTRA QUARTERS, MIDDLE LEVEL** - An additional recognized time period may be played following the regular contest for those players who were not starters and who played in less than one-half of the regular contest. Examples: A 5th quarter is allowable for non-starters and players who played in two (2) quarters or less of the regular basketball game. Two additional volleyball games are allowable for non-starters and players who played in two (2) games or less of the regular match.
- 17.24.0 EXTRA QUARTERS, HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL** - An additional time period may NOT be played following the regular contest at the high school level **unless the squad consists of freshmen only.**
- 17.25.0 RULES GOVERNING ATHLETIC CONTESTS - INTERSTATE COMPETITION** - The rules governing interscholastic athletics for each particular sport are listed in the section of this Handbook under that sport. Any exceptions to those rules appear in this Handbook under that sport.
- 17.25.1 In the event the NFHS rules conflict with any of the provisions of RCW Chapter 49.60, the affected student may file a notice of appeal pursuant to Article 19.
  - 17.25.2 Rules Governing Interstate and International Competition - WIAA being a member in good standing of the NFHS, accepts the rules of that organization, as now or hereinafter amended for all interstate (including Canada, Mexico, and International) contests.
  - 17.25.3 Each participating school shall follow the contest rules of the State Association of which it is a member, or rules which have been approved by that State Association for interstate competition.
  - 17.25.4 No school which is a member of a NFHS member state high school association shall compete in any contest in any other state if the contest involves conditions that would violate the regulations or established policies of that state high school association.
  - 17.25.5 Request for Sanction – Only a member school of an NFHS member state association, or a school approved by such an association, or such an association itself, is eligible to request sanctioning through the NFHS Interstate Sanctioning Program.
  - 17.25.6 Interstate Competition – Interstate competition occurs when either teams or individuals who represent their schools travel across state lines to participate in competitive sports events, including but not limited to such events as “shoot-outs,” “showcases,” “round-robin tournaments,” etc.

- 17.25.7 Non-bordering State Sanction Requirement: No sanction is required from the NFHS office if all competing schools, regardless of the number of competing schools, are from states which border the host state. Each state association shall sanction through the NFHS office interstate competition by a member school involving either:
- A. Eight (8) or more schools, at least one (1) of which is from a state that does not border the host state; or
  - B. Five (5) or more states, at least one (1) of which does not border the host state.
- NOTE: Alaska and Hawaii are considered to border Washington, in addition to Idaho and Oregon.

**17.26.0 RULES GOVERNING ATHLETIC CONTESTS - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION** - International competition must be approved by the Washington State Coaches Association, the WIAA, the National Federation, and the National Representative of the International Sports Federation involved. Application must be submitted to the WIAA office at least sixty (60) days in advance of the event.

- 17.26.1 An additional contest against an international touring team is allowed once during any three (3) year period. Contests against schools from Canada and Mexico must be within the allowable contest number, since Canada and Mexico are considered to be from bordering states.

**17.27.0 UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS** - Uniforms worn by an individual or team representing a member school must comply with the adopted rule book requirements for the activity.

**17.27.1 WAIVER OF UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS** - The member school principal may approve exceptions to wearing of the adopted school uniform upon written request from parents (and student) provided the request is based on:

- A. The style of uniform is not in compliance with the student's religious beliefs,
- B. Personal modesty and/or physical appearance.

17.27.2 For granting exception(s) to the school adopted uniform, the uniform must comply with the following:

- A. Meet the WIAA adopted rulebook requirements of the sport.
- B. Be of the same color(s) of school adopted uniform worn by other players.
- C. An exception authorized for multiple participants shall be for the same style and color(s) for any given activity.
- D. A copy of the notification should be given to the coach for informing game officials to avoid penalty.

17.27.3 **PLACEMENT OF EMBLEM ON SCHOOL UNIFORM OR EQUIPMENT** – Manufacturer's logos must meet NFHS specifications as outlined in the appropriate sport rule book. A sponsor's name or logo is not permitted on any apparel or equipment approved by the school to be worn or used during the precontest warm-ups or during a contest.

**PHILOSOPHY OF JAMBOREES:** *The purpose of a jamboree is to provide game-like conditions in a controlled setting so that special emphasis can be placed on safety and the preparation of every student athlete for regular season contests. Jamborees have also been developed to provide an opportunity for participants, coaches, and spectators to learn contest rules from officials.*

**17.28.0 DEFINITION** - An abbreviated interscholastic contest. **Also refer to the specific sport rules regarding the definition of a jamboree.**

- 17.28.1 No student may participate in a jamboree unless all eligibility rules, including all pre-contest practice requirements, have been met.
- 17.28.2 All jamborees are limited to one (1) day. Participating in the second day of a two (2) day jamboree would count as one (1) of the authorized contests.
- 17.28.3 Jamborees must be conducted within the first three (3) weeks of the fall and winter seasons **and within the first four (4) weeks of the spring season.** NOTE: The season begins on the first scheduled school practice day.
- 17.28.4 Three (3) or more schools are involved and each school must play at least two (2) opponents.
- 17.28.5 Scores may be kept, but championship events are not allowed.
- 17.28.6 Each squad and each player is limited to schedule and to participate in only one (1) jamboree.

**17.29.0 NUMBER OF MIDDLE LEVEL SQUADS** - Each middle level school may field one or more A or B squads of seventh, eighth or ninth grade teams in each sport. The limitation of contests applies to each squad and to each player.

**17.30.0 NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL SQUADS** - Each high school may field no more than one (1) Varsity and one (1) Junior Varsity squad per sport. The limitation of contests applies to each squad and to each player.

- 17.30.1 If a school plans to have additional squad(s) in a sport, other than those indicated on the enrollment form, the school must notify the Association Executive Director in writing.

**17.31.0 REFUSING TO PLAY** - 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.

**17.32.0 SUPERVISION OF TEAM/CONTEST** - During the sport season, all team/contestant activity (designated practice, turnouts, games, meets, playoffs) shall be under the supervision of a school district staff member.

**17.33.0 CROWD CONTROL RESPONSIBILITY** - Member schools are obligated to maintain proper crowd control at all interscholastic activities. The WIAA Executive Board shall have full authority to penalize any member school whose representatives or spectators may be adjudged, upon evidence presented, to have violated these obligations.

17.33.1 The Association shall have no responsibility for crowd control or for the actions of school representatives.

**17.34.0 FILMING OR VIDEO TAPING** - Schools may film or video tape any game(s) to be shown at a later time. Arrangements to film or videotape must be made through the site manager, and/or be in compliance with WIAA policy. Viewing of videotapes for coaching purposes is permitted during the season at any time except during a contest or any intermission during a contest.

17.34.1 Leagues may develop policies and procedures RESTRICTING the exchange of film or videotape within their league.

17.34.2 Film or videotape may NOT be used for any commercial purposes other than customary news reporting without prior permission from involved schools. If the event is a post season contest, permission may be obtained from the WIAA.

17.34.3 Computer printout data may be viewed at half time provided such tabulation is limited to statistics of the game being played and was generated by the team's coaching staff. Any other game statistics must be accessible to all competing teams coaching staff.

**17.35.0 ALL STAR CONTESTS** - The WIAA will not sanction all-star contests.

**17.36.0 AUTHORITY OF DESIGNATED TEAM PHYSICIANS** - A school may designate a team physician or other designated medical authority to provide medical coverage/services for teams/participants from that school. When present at a contest involving a team/participant for which the physician is responsible, a team physician or designated medical authority shall have the following authority in addition to that normally associated with the practice of medicine and surgery:

17.36.1 To determine whether an injured participant for whom the designated medical authority has responsibility may continue in the contest. A coach, official, parent, another physician, or any other person may not overturn the designated medical authority's decision against further participation.

17.36.2 To interrupt a contest if, in the designated medical authority's opinion, continuation would pose a significant threat to the safety, health, or life of a competitor, due to an injury to a competitor. Authority to suspend or terminate a contest rests with the game management.

17.36.3 To enter the field of competition as necessary to fulfill required responsibilities.

17.36.4 To consult with designated tournament medical authorities of medical decisions affecting competitors for whom the physician has responsibility.

17.36.5 To provide, when requested by an opposing team, medical coverage/services for that team in the absence of a team designated medical authority from that school.

**17.37.0 EMERGENCY TREATMENT OF THE NON-PARTICIPANT** - Contest managers should be prepared to respond to injuries that may occur to spectators or other attendees who are not actively involved in the contest, as well as to injuries involving the contest participants. As with any injury, the primary goal is to provide medical personnel with quick, easy access, and allow them to perform their job with as little outside interference as possible. In the event that an injury occurs to someone not actively involved in the contest, the following procedure should be followed.

17.37.1 Do not stop the contest. This will only focus attention on the injury and could hinder the ability of the medical personnel to respond quickly and perform their job.

17.37.2 Assign supervisors to assist in keeping the area accessible to medical personnel and free of unwanted onlookers.

17.37.3 Be aware of possible exits that are away from the high-traffic areas in case the injured party needs to be transported out of the building.