
25.0.0 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

25.1.0 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - State championships for member schools shall be permitted only in those varsity sports that have been approved by a sixty (60) percent majority vote of the Representative Assembly.

25.1.1 The determination of the number of WIAA sponsored tournaments and the number of entries to a tournament shall be based on the percentage of member high schools in each classification. The following criteria in determining tournament formats will apply to all classifications:

- A. 0-29% schools shall have no tournament for that activity or classification.
- B. 30-59% schools enrolled shall be provided a tournament of eight (8) teams/entries beginning the first year of an allocation period.
- C. 60% or more schools enrolled shall be provided a tournament of sixteen (16) teams/entries, beginning the first year of an allocation period.

NOTE: When classifications are combined, the percentages in 25.1.1B & C will be divided by the number of classifications that are combined.

25.1.2 Once approved, a state tournament will be held for both years of an allocation period.

25.1.3 The number of state tournaments may be reduced when the number of participating schools decreases and the proper number of state tournaments reassigned.

25.1.4 The number of schools participating in a sports activity during the first year of the classification/allocation cycle will be the basis for determining the number of tournaments.

25.1.5 By using the Allocation Formula (Article 4.11.0), the WIAA Executive Board shall determine allocations based on the average monthly enrollment as reported during the classification year. In cases of fractional team representation in WIAA Districts, the WIAA Executive Board is empowered to make decisions regarding fractional representation.

25.1.6 ALLOCATION CALCULATIONS STEPS and CRITERIA

- A. The allocation factor is derived from the schools participating in a sport or activity.
 - 1. The WIAA Executive Board and District Directors verify the member school participation summary. The participation summary is based upon the information supplied by the member schools on the WIAA membership form.
 - 2. TEAM - Definition - A team is defined as the minimum number of participants required for full participation/scoring in that sport.
 - a. For team and individual sports, the program is counted for allocation purposes if the member school participates in varsity competition during the regular season and postseason competition in that sport. For individual sports, a school must attain a roster of at least the number listed below at end of the third week of the fall sports season and at the end of the second week during the winter and spring sports seasons during the first year of the allocation cycle.

SPORT	ROSTER NUMBER REQUIRED FOR ALLOCATIONS
Bowling	5
Cross Country	5
Golf	5
Gymnastics	5
Swimming	4
Tennis	3
Track	5
Wrestling, Boys	8
Wrestling, Girls	6
 - 3. Combined programs are counted as one (1) school.
- B. Determine the two (2) year allocations using the school factor.
- C. The whole numbers are added, with the additional allocations determined from the fractional allocations (largest to smallest fractional allocation) until all tournament entries are filled.
 - 1. Ties will be assigned as an entry of both Districts.
 - a. WIAA will assign all allocations in the case of ties.
 - b. In the case of a fractional tie (if shared allocations are not possible) the allocation will be assigned to the entity with the District with the largest enrollment.
 - 2. Combining of two (2) or more Districts is to be done by adding the ideal allocation numbers.
 - a. The Districts will be combined if the one (1) year allocation is less than 0.8 or if the two (2) year allocation is less than 1.6.
 - 3. For odd numbered allocations over the two (2) year cycle, the following steps will be used:
 - a. Highest whole number receives the highest number of entries during the first year.
 - b. Highest fraction receives the highest number of entries during the first year.
- D. Adjustments may be made to allocations no later than Friday of the third week of a sports season provided verification has been submitted to the WIAA Executive Director that a school omission or addition to a league/District count would result in altered allocations.
- E. Adding or Deleting a Sport - A school that adds or deletes a sport after submitting the annual enrollment form must submit the change in writing to the Executive Director, with copies sent to the WIAA District Director and league representative. The league is the overseer of schools within its jurisdiction and responsible to communicate with the District Director on all allocation information and league entries.
 - 1. Adding or deleting a sport during the first three weeks of a season during the first year of a two (2) -year allocation cycle may effect a change in tournament allocations.
 - 2. Adding or deleting a sport after the first three weeks of a season during the first year of a two (2)-year allocation cycle will not change tournament allocations.
 - 3. Violations of, or failure to comply with, the above procedures shall result in the following:
 - a. The first school violation will result in a probation warning to the individual school regarding all programs and a specific fine double the annual fee for the sport not reported for that school year.
 - b. The first league violation will place all schools in the league in that specific sport on probation.
 - c. The second school violation within the school year will result in denial of entry into District play-offs in all sports for that year.
 - d. The second league violation will result in a penalty assessed by the Executive Board in accordance with Article 27.0.0.

- 25.1.7 Management, sites, dates and other details for all regional and state tournaments shall be determined by the WIAA Executive Board.
- 25.1.8 Revenue from these tournaments shall accrue to WIAA as determined by the WIAA Executive Board.
- 25.1.9 Play-offs and tournaments shall be governed by regulations adopted by the WIAA Executive Board.
- 25.1.10 The 1B and 2B State Football Championships will be played in conjunction with other football championships at the selected championship site.
- 25.1.11 When there is an eight (8)-team football tournament to determine a state champion, the quarterfinals and semifinals will be played on consecutive weekends beginning the thirteenth week of the season.
- 25.1.12 At the site of any WIAA State Tournament the advertising and or posting of signs and or the distribution of announcements shall be limited to only those events sanctioned or conducted by the WIAA. Any distribution of notices or announcements advertising non-WIAA events shall be prohibited at the site of any WIAA sponsored tournament.

25.2.0 DISTRICT REPRESENTATION IN STATE TOURNAMENTS - District representation in state tournaments shall be determined by the application of the Allocation Formula (Article 4.11.0), except as otherwise determined by the WIAA Executive Board as listed in each sports section.

- 25.2.1 The deadline for determining district entries to state tournaments shall be midnight Saturday prior to the week of the state-level events.
- 25.2.2 The WIAA District is the original authority for determining the method by which entries that are allocated to that district qualify for state tournaments or state meets.
- 25.2.3 In the event that a dispute arises within a WIAA District/Region involving the method of qualifying for state tournaments or state meets, final authority rests with the WIAA Executive Board.
- 25.2.4 Individuals and teams that qualify for a district, regional or state event must compete in that event unless exempted by the appropriate WIAA District Executive Board, Executive Director and the WIAA Executive Board.
 - 25.2.5 By entering participants in a state championship meet, contest or tournament, each member school certifies that, barring injury, illness or unforeseen events, the team or individuals representing the school will participate in every game or competition that is part of that championship event, until the final conclusion of the meet, contest or championship.
 - 25.2.6 Any withdrawal or intentional forfeiture shall be considered a violation of WIAA rules and regulations, and shall be subject to penalties as determined by the WIAA Executive Board.
- 25.2.7 Any district not using allocations must notify the WIAA office at the beginning of that sport season. The WIAA Executive Board may reallocate unused allocations.

25.2.6 FOR DISTRICTS WITH ONLY ONE (1) ALLOCATION – If a District has only one (1) allocation in the first and/or second year of the allocation period, that District would be allowed to petition to the WIAA Executive Board for the opportunity to combine with another District to gain an additional allocation provided the minimum number of schools in the District offer the program in question. The number of schools that drive an allocation, plus one, will be the number needed to provide the opportunity for a second **individual or** team from a district to qualify for postseason play. The deadline for the appeal shall be two (2) weeks after the allocations have been finalized.

- A. The WIAA District geographically closest to the District with one (1) allocation would be considered first in the possible combination of District allocations.
- B. The combination agreement would specify that either District involved would have the potential to gain or to lose the allocation.
- C. The WIAA District with more than one (1) allocation may choose to “protect” its number one (1) team, and/or additional allocations as applicable, and offer only the lowest allocation in a playoff with the District appealing for an additional allocation.

25.2.7 INDEPENDENT TEAM'S ACCESS TO POSTSEASON COMPETITION - If a WIAA member school's team(s) chooses not to become a member(s) of a league, that member school's team(s) may play an independent schedule. The placement of that team(s) for postseason play will be determined by the WIAA Executive Board, unless such access is provided by a league or district.

Should the WIAA Executive Board be required to place an independent team in postseason competition, consideration would be given to that team's record against varsity competition of schools of the same classification – or of a higher classification. Each team's schedule(s) must be submitted to the affected leagues, WIAA Districts and WIAA office.

In order to qualify for postseason play, a team's record against such competition must be equal to or better than the team receiving the lower(est) berth from that league/district. If this criteria is met, the independent team will be allowed to challenge for this berth through direct competition.

25.3.0 SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS IN POSTSEASON QUALIFYING AND STATE TOURNAMENTS - When a team qualifies for postseason competition, the school shall submit the roster to the appropriate tournament manager. Changes in the roster are permitted from one (1) level of competition to the next level except in baseball, football and soccer where changes are allowed between each round of play. (Example: Changes may be made from the league to the District qualifying event, or from the District qualifying event to the State event, or from the first round to the second round.) No changes are permitted at that level once the tournament begins.

25.3.1 In the event of an emergency or catastrophe after the tournament begins, team members may be replaced if approved by the tournament manager, WIAA Executive Director or designee, thereby permitting a school to add eligible players to restore the team to the original number for tournament play.

25.4.0 FOOTBALL LEAGUE RECORD TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES – WIAA Article 57.4.0 allows for a maximum of four (4) quarters of play during a three-day (3) period. Teams that play on Thursday and again on Saturday would only be permitted to utilize the Kansas Tie-Breaker on Saturday. Teams would not be permitted to play shortened quarters on Saturday prior to the Kansas Tie-Breaker.

25.5.0 RESCHEDULING OF STATE EVENTS DUE TO OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH - Should a team that recognizes the Saturday Sabbath be involved in a WIAA state basketball tournament, and should the team, due to bracketing, play during the time that the Saturday Sabbath is observed, a semifinal game would be moved from Friday evening to Friday afternoon. Any Saturday consolation games would be moved to a later time that evening, and the championship game would be played during the later game time.

Individuals who observe the Sabbath on teams will not be accommodated at team events.

25.6.0 TEAMS/INDIVIDUALS UNABLE TO ARRIVE FOR SCHEDULED COMPETITION AT A CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT [Inclement Weather (policy #51.13)] - The WIAA Executive Board and executive staff believe that all teams/individuals earning the right to participate in championship events should have those rights protected as much as possible. The WIAA Executive Board and executive staff also recognize the efforts of all participants to attend the championship events. The participating schools must also realize that these events are held to certain restrictions with facilities, game officials, and all other game administration.

A WIAA championship event shall be defined as regional and state competition. The competing school is responsible for notifying the WIAA office or the event manager, if the school is having difficulty traveling to the event site due to weather or a clear area-wide emergency and may not arrive in time for the scheduled event(s). Notification shall be made as soon as possible after it becomes evident that the team/individual is having difficulty. School personnel have the responsibility of making alternative travel plans to tournament sites based upon weather forecasts and any other pertinent information. As a common practice, input and recommendations are to be sought from the Highway Patrol and/or the Department of Transportation. Specific circumstances not covered by this policy are left to the discretion of the WIAA Executive Director or designee.

- A. If a team/individual is unable to arrive at a championship event site for its scheduled competition due to circumstances beyond its control (e.g., an earthquake, all passes closed, roads closed due to flooding, etc.) that team/individual will be allowed to participate in its scheduled event provided it arrives at the event site and is able to compete on the day of its scheduled event. The WIAA Executive Director, in cooperation with the event manager, shall adjust the schedule of the event for the purpose of allowing maximum participation for all qualified schools. If the team/individual is unable to arrive to compete on the day of its event, a forfeit is recorded and that team/individual shall move into the consolation bracket or be dropped from competition, whichever is applicable to the particular event.
- B. There may be times in the interest of safety, weather, or conditions beyond the control of the participating schools and/or the tournament management that it becomes necessary to delay, postpone, or cancel such tournaments. The intent of this policy is to accommodate the participating school(s) by rescheduling if possible.
 1. The following practices shall be observed:
 - a) If severe weather conditions affect a participating school, but not the tournament, the principal must notify the tournament director.
 - b) If severe weather conditions affect the tournament, the WIAA Executive Director or WIAA staff designee will make the final decision concerning tournament postponement or rescheduling.
 - c) Participation on Sunday in any athletic contest cannot be expected nor 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.
 - d) Play will resume on the next playable date.
 - e) Changing of sites, postponement or cancellation of events will be determined by the WIAA Executive Director or WIAA staff designee.
 2. Procedures to follow if contests are rescheduled:
 - a) The WIAA Executive Director or WIAA staff designee has the final authority on contest rescheduling.
 - b) If contests are rescheduled on the same day as originally scheduled but at a different site, the semifinal and championship contests will be scheduled at the same time or later than originally scheduled.
 - c) Time between contests may be shortened. Example: If contests were originally scheduled at two (2) hour intervals, they may be rescheduled at one and one half (1½) hour intervals.
 - d) Individuals/teams shall be granted a minimum of twenty (20) minutes for rest between contests.
 - e) Whenever possible, contests played on the final day of the tournament shall be scheduled to allow individuals/teams to return to their home community that day.