

**AMENDMENTS PRESENTED TO THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
DURING WINTER COALITION (MARCH 23, 2015)**

Reviewed by:

Date:

	RULE	SUMMARY	S	O	NP
APPLY TO MIDDLE LEVEL ONLY					
ML #1	18.16.2 18.17.2	Deletes references to elementary school when 6th or 5th graders are used to salvage middle level programs.	X		
ML #2	51.61.0+	Reduces by two the minimum number of practices in all middle level sports except football.	X		
APPLY TO BOTH MIDDLE LEVEL AND HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL					
ML/HS #3	8.11.0	Adds honorary board member representing Washington Tribal Schools.	X		
ML/HS #4	17.5.5	Each sport will be limited to twenty (20) contact days of coaching during designated open coaching periods during the out-of-season.		X	
ML/HS #5	17.11.0	Mandates a standardized physical examination form beginning fall of 2016.		X	
ML/HS #6	18.23.0	Increases merchandise value from \$300 to \$500 with amateur standing maintained.	X		
ML/HS #7	29.0.0	Protests may be filed within 24 hours following a regular season contest.	X		
ML/HS #8	57.2.3	Following the first contest, football players will be limited to two (2) contact practices per week excluding contests.		X	
APPLY TO HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL ONLY					
HS #9	4.1.0	Classification cycle will be four (4) years; schools can appeal after two (2) years.	X		
HS #10	4.9.0	A school may appeal its classification in football only.		X	
HS #11	17.5.8D	Allows a coach, on an annual basis, to coach individuals invited to participate in a national championship event with conditions determined by the Association.	X		
HS #12	17.5.8D	Allows a coach, once every three years, to coach a team invited to participate in a national championship event with conditions determined by the Association.		X	
HS #13	18.10.5	International students attending their first Washington school and residing in that school's boarding facility are eligible for varsity participation.		X	
HS #14	18.11.0	Students who transfer to a school within 50 miles of the previous school would be ineligible until after the 50% date for that sport.		X	
HS #15	18.23.3	A high school student (not representing the school) may compete against a college team with amateur standing maintained.	X		
HS #16	52.4.5	Counting BB tournament games: 3 or 4 day tournament = 2 games; 2 day tournament = 1 game		X	
HS #17	57.7.1	Running clock procedures for 11-on-11 football games		X	
HS #18	65.3.3	For 1B schools only, varsity VB matches may be 2/3, 3/5, or 5/5 sets.	X		



Washington Interscholastic Activities Association
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
for the 2015 Representative Assembly

The ~~strike through~~ text is proposed to be deleted from the current handbook wording. The **bold** and shaded text is proposed to be added to the current handbook wording. Amendments that pass will go into effect on August 1 unless noted otherwise.

APPLY TO MIDDLE LEVEL ONLY

ML AMENDMENT #1

18.16.0 and 18.17.0 FIFTH and SIXTH GRADE PARTICIPATION, page 50

- 18.16.2 ~~When a fifth grade student has participated in one such contest he/she is no longer eligible for that sport at the elementary level.~~
- 18.17.2 ~~When a sixth grade student has participated in one such contest, he/she is no longer eligible for that sport at the elementary school level.~~

Rationale for ML Amendment #1: Even though sixth, and sometimes fifth, graders may be used to salvage middle level programs in 1B or 2B high schools, WIAA jurisdiction is for grades seven through twelve only. Local school districts have the authority to determine the parameters for elementary school programs.

Proposed by the WIAA Executive Board.

ML AMENDMENT #2

51.61.0, 52.61.0, 55.61.0, 59.61.0, 60.61.0, 61.61.0, 63.61.0, 64.61.0, 65.61.0, 66.6.1, pages 78-92

Reduce by two the minimum number of practices in all middle level sports except football.

Pros for ML Amendment #2:

1. *Allows for flexibility in the event a student misses a practice.*
2. *Increases the window of eligibility, especially for students who may turn out late following an illness, injury, or when they decide to turn out when they see their friends having fun.*
3. *Based on the amendment that passed last spring, it is possible for an individual/team to participate in a jamboree after eight (8) practices.*
4. *High school individuals/teams that are involved in state playoffs may waive up to one-half of the practices for the succeeding season (only five (5) practices required.) Many middle level athletes also go directly from one sport to another.*
5. *The reduction to only eight (8) required practices would be a great benefit to middle level leagues that offer five (5) sports seasons.*

Cons for ML Amendment #2:

1. *Eight (8) practices may not be enough to adequately prepare for the first game.*
2. *Some sports require more information and preparation time than others.*

Note: The WIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has stated that there is no statistical data to determine the exact number of days of practice required for a student to be physically fit to compete.

Proposed by Jenkins Junior High, Colville Junior High, Kettle Falls Junior High, Deer Park Junior High, and Medical Lake Junior High.

APPLY TO BOTH MIDDLE LEVEL AND HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

ML/HS AMENDMENT #3

8.0.0 WIAA EXECUTIVE BOARD, page 11

8.11.0 HONORARY MEMBERS OF WIAA EXECUTIVE BOARD - The duties and privileges of the honorary members shall be to attend WIAA Executive Board meetings and to participate in the discussions and business of the Association without voting privileges. Honorary members shall include representatives of the Washington State School Directors Association, Washington Secondary School Athletic Administrators Association, Washington Association of Secondary School Principals, Association of Washington Middle Level Principals, Washington Association of School Administrators, Washington State Coaches Association, Washington Officials Association, Washington Federation of Independent Schools, **Washington Tribal Schools**, and a representative of the Fine Arts and Leadership programs under WIAA jurisdiction. The Fine Arts position will rotate between the Washington Music Educators Association (WMEA) and the Washington State Forensic Association (WSFA) with WMEA in 2014-2017 and WSFA in 2017-2020 and succeeding years in a similar manner.

Rationale for ML/HS Amendment #3: Tribal Schools are a unique group of WIAA member schools, in that some are a separate school district, some are considered public schools, while some are within a multi-high school public school district. While their setting and structure may vary, they still form a specific group of WIAA member schools that do not have a direct voice on the WIAA Executive Board. A Native American Advisory Committee, similar to the Superintendent's Advisory Committee, was formed in 2013-14 to provide a communication link. That special committee will determine the selection process for the individual to serve as its honorary member on the WIAA Executive Board.

Proposed by the WIAA Executive Board.

ML/HS AMENDMENT #4

17.5.0 OUT-OF-SEASON, pages 19- 26

17.5.0 OUT-OF-SEASON - DEFINITION – Out-of-season is that time during which paid or volunteer coaches cannot coach present or future squad members **except during designated coaching periods**.

17.5.5 A coach of a school team (paid or volunteer) may **coach only** during the WIAA sport season **and up to twenty (20) days during the designated open coaching periods**.

17.5.5.1 Each sport will be limited to twenty (20) contact days of coaching, regardless of the number of coaches for that sport.

17.5.5.2 Although these rules apply equally to middle level and high school level coaches, the time periods are determined according to the high school seasons.

August 1 through the first day of the fall sports season - no coaching allowed

First day of the fall sports season until Monday of the first full week in October - no coaching allowed except for the fall sports in season

Monday of the first full week in October through the first day of the winter sports season - open coaching for coaches of all sports

First day of the winter sports season until Monday of the first full week in January - no coaching allowed except for the winter sports in season

Monday of the first full week in January through the first day of the spring sports season - open coaching for coaches of all sports

First day of the spring sports season until Monday of the first full week in April - no coaching allowed except for the spring sports in season

Monday of the first full week in April through the final day of the spring sports tournaments - open coaching for coaches of all sports

First day following the spring sports tournaments until August 1 - **no coaching restrictions except for football.**

Continuation of ML/HS Amendment #4:

- 17.5.5.3 **Each coaching contact during the designated open coaching periods is limited to a two-hour time block.**
- 17.5.5.4 **Supervision of open gym and conditioning, excluding weight training, is included in the twenty (20) days of contact during the designated open coaching periods.**
- 17.5.5.5 **In football, pads and helmets may not be worn.**

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 student (high schools and feeder schools in the school district) except during the designated season for that sport **or during the designated coaching period** 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.

17.7.0 OFF SEASON ~~CONDITIONING~~ WEIGHT TRAINING - A member school may organize and supervise an off season weight training ~~conditioning~~ program ~~to include weight training, running and exercising~~ provided all of the following conditions are met:

- 17.7.1 Participation in off season **weight training** ~~conditioning~~ cannot be a requirement, incentive for, or a 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 **provided** 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 each supervision day counts toward the twenty (20) contact days of coaching limit;** and
- 17.8.6 Participation in open gym cannot be a requirement or condition of participation on a school team.

Rationale for ML/HS Amendment #4:

1. *This proposal is intended to level the playing field, particularly for students living in geographically isolated areas or for students without the financial means to participate in non-school programs.*
2. *This proposal is intended to empower WIAA educator-coaches by giving them the flexibility to meet the increasing needs of high-achieving student athletes*
3. *This proposal would simplify the current out-of-season rules.*
4. *Any practice days used preparing for a national event would be counted towards the 20 allowable days.*

Proposed by the WIAA Executive Board on behalf of the Out-of-Season/Open Gym/Year Round Conditioning Ad Hoc Committee.

SUMMARY

CURRENT RULES

- No coaching August 1 through the first day of fall sports.
- Coaching is allowed ONLY during the designated season for that sport.
- Coaches may supervise open gym.
- Coaches may supervise conditioning.
- Coaches may supervise the weight room.
- Organizing an out-of-season activity is prohibited (violation)
- Coaching of any sport is allowed during the summer.

PROPOSED RULES

- No coaching August 1 through the first day of fall sports.
- In addition to coaching during the designated season for that sport, 20 contact days of coaching in any sport may take place during the second half of each season.
- Supervising open gym would count toward the 20 contact days allowed.
- Supervising conditioning would count toward the 20 contact days allowed.
- Coaches may supervise the weight room.
- Organizing an out-of-season activity would count toward the 20 contact days allowed.
- Coaching of any sport is allowed during the Summer; football is the only sport with restrictions

SAMPLE CALENDAR

January

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No coaching allowed

Coaching allowed only by coaches for that season

Open coaching

ML/HS AMENDMENT #5

17.11.0 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, page 28

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.

17.11.3 The school in which this student is enrolled must have on file ~~a statement (or prepared form) from the~~ **WIAA-approved physical form signed by** 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. **Schools wishing to use a form other than the WIAA-approved physical form must request a waiver from the WIAA Executive Director.**

Effective date: Fall of 2016

Rationale for ML/HS Amendment #5:

1. *Because of the emphasis on concussion management, heat-related issues, and Cardiac Death (SCD, the WIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recommends that a standardized physical examination form be utilized so that all student athletes are being evaluated based on the same criteria utilizing most current medical standards.*
2. *The form was developed and endorsed by the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Sports Medicine, American Medical Society for Sports Medicine, American Orthopedic Society for Sports Medicine, and American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine.*
3. *The standardized form would also be of benefit to school administrators responsible to clear student athletes for participation since each student's pre-participation physical exam would be on the same form.*
4. *The year lead-in provides time for forms to get into the hands of the medical community.*
5. *This form has been on the WIAA Website for several years and is already being utilized by several school district.*

Proposed by the WIAA Executive Board on behalf of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee

ML/HS AMENDMENT #6

18.23.0 AMATEUR STANDING, page 53

18.23.1 In order to maintain amateur standing in that sport under WIAA jurisdiction, the student-athlete may not:

- A. Accept merchandise or in-kind gifts of more than ~~\$300~~ **\$500** in fair market value per sport during any one calendar year August 1 through July 31. Reduced membership fees or reduced user fees from an athletic club, recreation center, golf course, etc., do not count toward this ~~\$300~~ **\$500** limit. Defined games of chance are exempt from this rule.

Rationale for ML/HS Amendment #6: The \$500 limit is more in line with current trends and other rules codes (NCAA.)

Proposed by the WIAA Executive Board on behalf of the National Events/Amateur Standing Ad Hoc Committee.

ML/HS AMENDMENT #7

29.0.0 CONTEST PROTESTS, page 76

29.0.0 REGULAR SEASON CONTEST PROTESTS - Protests of an official's judgment will not be heard. Game protests must meet the following requirements to be heard:

- 29.0.1 When a coach **school** feels that there has been a misinterpretation or misapplication of a rule, the coach **school representative** shall notify the ~~game officials following the incident in question and prior to the resumption of action that the remainder of the contest is being played under protest.~~ **official's assignor, the opposing school, the league president, and the District Director within 24 hours of the conclusion of the contest.**
- 29.0.2 ~~The protest must be noted in the official scorebook when applicable.~~
- 29.0.3 Following the contest the school principal or superintendent shall officially lodge the protest, in writing, ~~with the game management.~~ The written protest shall contain the facts, including the specific rule in question. The principal/designee must contact the WIAA office to verify the misapplication or misinterpretation of the rule ~~prior to contacting the league.~~ **prior to a ruling by the league, district, or a games committee.**
- 29.0.4 For state playoff contests refer to the protest procedures in the Bound for State Regulations.

Pros for ML/HS Amendment #7: We have used this procedure in District 2 as a WIAA-approved experiment for the last two years. It has dramatically cut down on the frustration coaches feel when there is conflict with an official or a rule interpretation. Because a coach doesn't have to remember to protest before the next live ball and because it reduces tensions between coaches and officials at the time a dispute takes place, this experiment has been successful. It allows time for a coach and an athletic director to step back, take a deep breath, and talk about the incident in a more rational, less emotional way before deciding to pursue the protest. In the two years, we have had a number of schools call about how the procedure works and where they can go from there. No decisions have been reversed because most conflicts are over judgment and interpretation, not misapplication of rules. Once there is an opportunity to settle down, discuss and think rationally, all of our cases have been ultimately dropped, but the coach feels like he/she has had an opportunity to be heard and provide input. It has provided great opportunities for conflict resolution and mediation.

Cons for ML/HS Amendment #7: There will be a perception that there will be more protests, more hearings, and more questioning of officials' decisions.

Proposed by Bothell High School, Inglemoor High School, Woodinville High School, Sammamish High School, and Seattle Academy.

ML/HS AMENDMENT #8

57.0.0 FOOTBALL, page 83

57.2.0 PRACTICE

57.2.3 Following the first contest (jamboree or game) participants are limited to two (2) days per week (not counting contests) of thud or live action drills.

Definition of levels of contact:

Thud – Drill is run at assigned speed through the moment of contact; no pre-determined "winner". Contact remains above the waist, players stay on their feet and a quick whistle ends the drill.

Live Action – Drill is run in game-like conditions and players may be taken to the ground.

Rationale for ML/HS Amendment #8: On the recommendation of the NFHS and the WIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, limiting the amount of contact at practices during the season can help to make the game safer and is statistically shown to reduce the potential for serious injuries.

Proposed by the WIAA Executive Board on behalf of the NFHS and WIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

APPLIES TO HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL ONLY
HS AMENDMENT #9

4.1.0 CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOLS, page 5-6

4.1.0 DATES FOR CLASSIFICATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS - All high schools are to be classified according to enrollment in grades 9-11. (Schools new to the Association will take the average of their estimated enrollment for their first two years.)

4.1.1 The P-223 enrollment figures as sent to the Office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction will be used for classification purposes.

4.1.2 A school's classification is determined by the average monthly enrollment from January 1 through May 1, October 1 and twice the November 1 count of odd-numbered years and will be the basis for classification for the next ~~two~~ **four** years.

4.1.3 The responsibility for investigating enrollment figures lies with the WIAA Executive Board and this may be invoked by any member school with the support of four (4) other member schools.

4.1.4 During the second year of the four year cycle, a school may appeal its determined classification. An appeal would be based on, but not limited to, circumstances involving significant change in enrollment during the first two years, history of declining enrollment, opening of a new school within the school district, or unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the school. To appeal, a school must submit appeal paperwork to its current and - if applicable - new league, as well as its WIAA District Board. Appeals must follow WIAA handbook rule 4.9.1.

Note: **IF APPROVED, THIS PROCESS WOULD GO INTO EFFECT DURING THE NEXT CLASSIFICATION CYCLE.**

Rationale for HS Amendment #9: The current process causes extra work, angst and turmoil due to realignment every two years. Schools, leagues and Districts asked for a process that would help stabilize leagues and WIAA Districts.

Proposed by the WIAA Executive Board on behalf of the Classification Committee.

HS AMENDMENT #10

4.9.0 EXEMPTION FROM CLASSIFICATION

4.9.1 APPEAL OF DETERMINED CLASSIFICATION – A school may appeal its determined classification **for all sports and activities or for football only** to the District Director's Committee. A decision of the District Director's Committee may be appealed to the WIAA Executive Board. The appeal must be filed no later than January 10 of the classification year.

Note: **IF APPROVED, THIS PROCESS WOULD GO INTO EFFECT DURING THE NEXT CLASSIFICATION CYCLE.**

Rationale for HS Amendment #10:

1. *While this is primarily a 1B and 2B issue, this proposed change would allow schools with unique circumstances to appeal for a different classification in football only (up or down).*
2. *In many cases this is a safety issue.*
3. *The WIAA Executive Board will develop criteria that will be used to determine the threshold level for hardship circumstances.*

Proposed by the WIAA Executive Board on behalf of the Classification Committee.

NOTE: 17.14.0 (Authorized contests) and 17.15.0 (Contest limitation) would also be waived.

17.5.8 OUT-OF-SEASON, page 24

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 student (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. A coach may coach seniors who are past squad members after the season is over for one practice in preparation for and in one Washington State Coaches Association all-state game and/or one All American game approved by the Washington State Coaches Association.~~

NOTE: This section has merely been moved to 17.5.8.D.1

G. 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 in the high school in which the coach is contracted to coach during the designated high school season, middle level students within that school district during the time period the high school and middle level season overlap, or during the summer.

D. 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. Exceptions:

- 1) A coach may coach seniors who are past squad members after the season is over for one practice in preparation for and in one Washington State Coaches Association all-state game and/or one All American game approved by the Washington State Coaches Association.
- 2) **A coach, on an annual basis, may coach an individual(s) that has been invited to participate or has qualified for a national event which has been approved by the Association. The number of allowable practices, contests, and student athletes to be involved will be determined by the Association.**

1. The school involved must have approval from all levels of authority in their school system which includes the coach, principal, superintendent and school board.
2. Once approved by the school, a request must be sent to the WIAA Executive Director. Final approval must come from the WIAA Executive Board.
3. Only the qualified student-athletes may practice and compete under the coach's guidance.
4. An invited individual could compete annually in a national event.
5. All eligibility rules will be in effect for the participants through the conclusion of the national event.
6. Athletes are required to maintain the academic and attendance standards as set by the WIAA and the local school board.
7. If the school's request is approved, a maximum of ten (10) practices will be allowed to prepare for the national event.
8. Any costs associated with participating in the competition will be the responsibility of the participating school.
9. Financial assistance and/or additional revenue from the tournament organizing body to the school are allowed.
10. The WIAA amateur standing rules apply to all athletes.

NOTE: Board policies are enclosed in a box and are not subject to change through the Representative Assembly.

Pros for HS Amendment #11: National events give students a once in a lifetime opportunity that will ultimately help the kids and their families grow, not only as student-athletes, but as people. The goal is to give students these opportunities while keeping them under the protection of safety and accountability that is provided while participating in high school sports. High school sports and activities are losing students to specialized club or privately coached teams. Because these teams are not held under the same safety and accountability standards as high school teams and are available to make a "sales pitch" to young athletes.

The committee was in favor of schools participating in National Tournaments as long as specific criteria are met. It was also agreed upon that there must be a formal step by step process put in place to select acceptable tournaments, and ultimately allow the school to compete. It is important to note the goal of this process must still be to focus on educationally based athletics and not stray away from that.

Cons for HS Amendment #11: An issue within the athletic community is that other teams and schools don't want the best teams to keep getting better. National tournaments allow for more practices and games leading to the belief that teams get better because of it. Another concern of playing in these tournaments is that teams from Washington will play out of state schools that are not a member of their own state association.

Proposed by the WIAA Executive Board on behalf of the National Events/Amateur Standing Ad Hoc Committee.

HS AMENDMENT #12 A vote to approve will allow the WIAA Executive Board to waive specific rules in order for teams to compete in a national event.

NOTE: 17.14.0 (Authorized contests) and 17.15.0 (Contest limitation) would also be waived.

17.5.8 OUT-OF-SEASON, page 24

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

Continuation of HS Amendment #12:

~~B. A coach may coach seniors who are past squad members after the season is over for one practice in preparation for and in one Washington State Coaches Association all state game and/or one All American game approved by the Washington State Coaches Association.
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D. Exceptions:

- 1) A coach may coach seniors who are past squad members after the season is over for one practice in preparation for and in one Washington State Coaches Association all-state game and/or one All American game approved by the Washington State Coaches Association.
- 2) **A coach, once every three years, may coach a team that has been invited to participate or has qualified for a national event which has been approved by the Association. The number of allowable practices, contests, and student athletes to be involved will be determined by the Association.**

1. The school involved must have approval from all levels of authority in their school system which includes the coach, principal, superintendent and school board.
2. Once approved by the school, a request must be sent to the WIAA Executive Director. Final approval must come from the WIAA Executive Board.
3. Only the qualified varsity student-athletes may practice and compete under the coach's guidance.
4. A school could send a team to a national event only once during any three (3) year period.
5. All eligibility rules will be in effect for the participants through the conclusion of the national event.
6. Athletes are required to maintain the academic and attendance standards as set by the WIAA and the local school board.
7. If the school's request is approved, a maximum of ten (10) practices will be allowed to prepare for the national event, with the exception of football which will be allowed twelve (12) practices prior to the event.
8. Any costs associated with participating in the competition will be the responsibility of the participating school.
9. Financial assistance and/or additional revenue from the tournament organizing body to the school are allowed.
10. The WIAA amateur standing rules apply to all athletes.

NOTE: Board policies are enclosed in a box and are not subject to change through the Representative Assembly.

Pros for HS Amendment #12: National events give students a once in a lifetime opportunity that will ultimately help the kids and their families grow, not only as student-athletes, but as people. The goal is to give students these opportunities while keeping them under the protection of safety and accountability that is provided while participating in high school sports. High school sports and activities are losing students to specialized club or privately coached teams. Because these teams are not held under the same safety and accountability standards as high school teams and are available to make a "sales pitch" to young athletes. The committee was in favor of schools participating in National Tournaments as long as specific criteria are met. It was also agreed upon that there must be a formal step by step process put in place to select acceptable tournaments, and ultimately allow the school to compete. It is important to note the goal of this process must still be to focus on educationally based athletics and not stray away from that.

Cons for HS Amendment #12: An issue within the athletic community is that other teams and schools don't want the best teams to keep getting better. National tournaments allow for more practices and games leading to the belief that teams get better because of it. Another concern of playing in these tournaments is that teams from Washington will play out of state schools that are not a member of their own state association.

Proposed by the WIAA Executive Board on behalf of the National Events/Amateur Standing Ad Hoc Committee.

HS AMENDMENT #13

18.10.5 DEFINITION OF RESIDENCE and FAMILY UNIT, page 44 NEW ARTICLE

18.10.5 Any international student attending his/her first school in Washington who resides in the school's boarding/dorm facility is eligible for varsity participation. If the student were to move out of the boarding facility to live in a private home at any time after gaining eligibility under this article, this student would be considered a transfer student and would have to demonstrate hardship to continue participating at the varsity level at that school.

Rationale for HS Amendment #13: For schools with residence facilities, the school is acting in loco parentis (legally responsible for the functions and responsibilities of a parent) for the international boarding students. These students are essentially living with their family unit and should be eligible just as any other students in this situation.

Proposed by The Northwest School, Forest Ridge, Annie Wright Schools, Overlake School and The Bush School.

HS AMENDMENT #14

18.11.0 TRANSFERRING STUDENTS, pages 44-46

18.11.0 TRANSFERRING STUDENTS - After registering with, attending, or participating with a middle level or high school, students changing enrollment to/from one school district to another school district or from one high school to another high school within a multiple high school district shall be considered transferring students. In order to be eligible for varsity competition, transferring students must meet the transferring student requirements of 18.11.1, 18.11.2, 18.11.3, or be granted a waiver under 18.13.0 and 18.25.0. This section shall also apply to those students receiving home based instruction. NOTE: Refer to Article 3.1.1 for the status of a private school district.

18.11.1 A student who is ineligible in a member school may not become immediately eligible at another member school without completing the conditions of ineligibility.

18.11.2 A student who transfers to a new school which is within 50 miles of the previous school, due to an actual physical relocation of and with the entire family unit to a different residence and preceded by termination of all occupancy of their previous residence, shall be considered a transfer student and is ineligible for varsity competition until the day following the 50% rule date for that sport.

Continuation of HS Amendment #14:

A student who transfers to a new school which is within 50 miles of the previous school, due to a change of residence or transfer between parents or guardians as a result of a divorce or court approved legal separation, is ineligible for varsity competition until the day following the 50% rule date for that sport.

(All subsequent articles will be renumbered)

- 18.11.3 The following students who are attending a member school shall be deemed to meet the residence rule requirement and transferring student rule requirements:
- A. A student whose transfer is based on a bona fide change of residence, **and the distance from the previous school** to a new school (district) **is greater than 50 miles** due to an actual physical relocation of and with the entire family unit to a different residence and preceded by termination of all occupancy of their previous residence.
 - B. A student attending a school outside of his/her residence district for one (1) calendar year or more is eligible thereafter at that school provided the enrollment/attendance is continuous.
 - C. A student whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) reside at different abodes as the result of a divorce or court approved legal separation is allowed one (1) transfer between parents or guardians **if the distance from the previous school to the new school is greater than 50 miles** after entering the ninth grade without being restricted to sub-varsity competition for one (1) year.
 - D. A student who is under commitment to the Department of Social and Health Services, a student who is on juvenile parole status and a student who has been adjudicated as a ward of a juvenile court where residence is the result of assignment by the government entity charged with his/her care.
 - E. A student who has a residence change because of the death of a member of the family unit or military deployment in order to reside with a relative.
 - F. A seventh and/or eighth grade student who transfers to a school without a corresponding change of residence by his or her family unit and who meets all other conditions of eligibility shall be eligible at the new middle school when properly enrolled. High school eligibility is subject to the transfer rule and one (1) year of continuous enrollment.
 - G. A student, except F-1 Visa students to a private school, upon enrollment to the initial first level of a private school within a 50-mile radius of the family residence from his/her public school of residence or his/her public school of residence from a private school within a 50-mile radius of the family residence.

If either the public or the private school declares its ninth graders as junior high athletes, the window of transfer is between the ninth and tenth grade years; if the school declares its ninth graders as high school athletes, the window of transfer is between the eighth and ninth grade years.

Rationale for HS Amendment #14:

1. *This change will discourage students transferring schools for athletic reasons if their eligibility in that sport would be reduced.*
2. *Students will continue to have the ability to appeal their eligibility status.*
3. *Each eligibility committee has the ability to review documentation to determine the eligibility status of a student-athlete without an actual hearing being held.*
4. *Any student-athlete on the roster for a sport on or before the 50% date for that season is eligible to compete in the postseason.*

Proposed by the WIAA Executive Board on behalf of the Recruiting Ad Hoc Committee.

HS AMENDMENT #15

18.23.0 AMATEUR STANDING, page 54

- 18.23.3 Students may try out and/or participate in a practice setting with **against** a college team.
- 18.23.5 A high school student forfeits any remaining high school eligibility in that sport by competing on or against a professional or college team.

Rationale for HS Amendment #15: This change would allow high school age students, either as an individual or as a member of a club team, to compete against college teams in either a practice or game situation, often times for the purpose of evaluating the student as a potential college athlete.

Proposed by the WIAA Executive Board on behalf of the National Events/Amateur Standing Ad Hoc Committee.

HS AMENDMENT #16

52.4.6 HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SEASON LIMITATION, page 78 **NEW ARTICLE**

- 52.4.6** A squad may schedule one invitational tournament hosted in Washington State or another state governed by the NFHS. For a three or four-day tournament, two contests will be counted toward the contest limit. For a two-day tournament, only one contest will be counted toward the contest limit.
- 52.4.7** If a squad elects to schedule additional invitational tournament in Washington or an NFHS state, each contest played in these tournaments will count as a contest toward the maximum of contests allowed for a squad.

Pros for HS Amendment #16:

1. *With many expanded leagues, with a larger number of members, and comprised of multi-schools from different classifications, the opportunity for non-league games has decreased over the past several years.*
2. *Since the establishment of the present state tournament format, the winter sports season has been reduced by one week for 2B, 1A and 4A schools, and two weeks for 2A and 3A schools, decreasing the opportunities to schedule non-league contests without negatively impacting league schedules.*
3. *The proposed change would allow teams to play in multiple game tournaments without negatively impacting leagues schedules (i.e. playing back-to-back nights, Monday games, etc.)*
4. *The proposed change would allow member schools and districts to host multiple game tournaments as potential revenue generators.*
5. *Other WIAA sports are allowed the opportunity for multiple game tournaments to be counted in a lesser amount. Bowling and golf are allowed one tournament, volleyball is allowed two tournaments, and tennis is allowed three tournaments.*
6. *With most tournaments being held on weekends and over the winter holiday break, loss of school/academic time would not be an issue.*
7. *Tournaments provide student athletes opportunities to experience diverse cultures and regions.*

Proposed by Curtis High School, Bellarmine Preparatory School, Chelan High School, Mark Morris High School, and Mountlake Terrace High School.

HS AMENDMENT #17

57.0.0 FOOTBALL, page 83

- 57.7.0** GAME PROCEDURES – When the point differential is 40 points or greater, the game clock shall run continuously for the remainder of the game except for an injury time-out, a charged team time-out, time between quarters, or a score:
- 57.7.1 ~~During 11-on-11 games, the game clock shall run continuously beginning in the second half.~~ **During 11-on-11 games, the game clock shall run continuously whenever the point differential is 40 points or greater (even if in the first half) with the exceptions of an injury time-out, a charged team time-out, time between quarters, or a score.**
- FIRST HALF - If the point differential goes under 40, the game clock will no longer run continuously until the 40 point differential is reached again. Once the point differential is 40**

points or greater, the game clock shall run continuously with the noted exceptions listed above.

SECOND HALF - Once the point differential is 40 points or greater, the game clock will run continuously for the remainder of the game with the noted exceptions listed above.

57.7.2 During 8-on-8 games, the game clock shall run continuously whenever the 40 point differential is reached.

Pros for HS Amendment #17:

1. *Safety - when one football team trounces another by 40+ points, significant size and weight disparities likely contribute. These disparities can also increase the risk of injury to the members of the outclassed team. This amendment would result in fewer plays so less pounding for mismatched size and talented players, thus reducing the chances for injury. We feel that the proposed amendment establishes a standard that would improve the safety, health, and general welfare of participants in games that are mismatched.*
2. *Less change for huge scores to be run up on inferior teams thus reducing the potential for undue public embarrassment. We believe that this proposal will, at a minimum, cause coaches to realize that the Association doesn't feel that running up scores is showing the kind of sportsmanship that it is looking for.*
3. *Coaches of strong teams are more apt to play reserves in the first half if they don't want the running clock, thus providing more opportunities for reserves to play meaningful minutes in the first half of contests.*

Cons for HS Amendment #17:

1. *Some may argue that there is less opportunity for reserves in large programs to gain varsity experience if games are shortened any further. Coaches, however, have the ability to play reserves or mix and match starters and non-starters at any time during a contest if they want the 40-point differential threshold to be reached.*
2. *Some will claim that it's up to the coach to keep scores in check. However, as evidenced in scores during the 2014 season, this obviously isn't always happening.*
3. *Some will say that games with lopsided scores may be a great learning opportunity for both teams. We feel that a running clock wouldn't prevent this learning from taking place. We would argue that student-athletes can learn as much from a 40-point loss as they could learn from a 90-point loss, and that their safety would be much less compromised in a shortened contest.*

Proposed by Lindbergh High School, Foster High School, Hazen High School, TEC High School/Evergreen Campus, and Highline High school.

HS AMENDMENT #18

65.0.0 VOLLEYBALL, page 90

NEW RULE

65.3.1 By league adoption, varsity contests may be two (2) out of three (3) sets or three (3) out of five (5) sets. In non-league competition, the schools involved can mutually agree to play two (2) out of three (3) sets or three (3) out of five (5) sets. **In league and non-league competition, 1B schools also have the option for a guaranteed five (5) sets.**

Rationale for HS Amendment #18:

1. *With the current WIAA rule 65.3.1, a varsity match is over when a team has won a majority of sets and any sets played following the conclusion of the match are counted as another match, both for the individuals and for the team*
2. *Since many 1B schools don't have enough players to field a junior varsity squad, this proposed rule would provide 1B volleyball players with more opportunities to play without exceeding the season contest limit.*
3. *The (potential) two (2) extra sets would allow teams the opportunity to play players that may see little to no court time during a normal varsity contest.*
4. *The (potential) two (2) extra sets would not affect the official match score.*
5. *Often times the travel distance for 1B regular season matches is considerable, and the match may be over quickly. The (potential) two (2) additional sets to be played can somewhat compensate for travel distance.*

6. *Postseason matches would continue to be three (3) out of five (5) sets.*
7. *Any additional officials' fees charged for the two (2) additional sets would be determined by the WIAA-WOA Statewide Agreement.*

Proposed by Bickleton High School, Sunnyside Christian High School, Yakama Nation Tribal School, Lyle-Wishram High School, and Trout Lake High School.