



Washington Interscholastic Activities Association
AMENDMENTS
passed by the 2016 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 # 2

18.16.0 FIFTH GRADE PARTICIPATION, page 32

18.16.0 FIFTH GRADE PARTICIPATION – Fifth graders may be used to salvage **participate in any** middle level programs ~~only~~ **except football** if the total enrollment of the seventh and eighth grades in a middle school is less than forty (40) ~~when the enrollment count is taken to determine the high school classification~~ **on the first day of the season for that sport**. In that case, the fifth grade students of the school may be permitted to participate ~~on the~~ **in any** seventh and eighth grade ~~baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball teams~~ **program** **except football** for the next two (2) years **that season**. If the total enrollment of seventh and eighth grade students in a middle school is greater than forty (40) ~~when the enrollment count was taken, but drops below forty (40) during the first two (2) weeks of any sports season, the fifth grade students of the school may be permitted to participate on the seventh and eighth grade baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball teams during that specific sports season.~~

ML AMENDMENT #3

18.17.0 SIXTH GRADE PARTICIPATION, page 33

18.17.0 SIXTH GRADE PARTICIPATION- Sixth graders may be used to salvage **participate in any** middle level programs ~~only~~ **except football** if the total enrollment of the seventh and eighth grades in a middle school is less than sixty (60) ~~when the enrollment count is taken to determine the high school classification~~ **on the first day of the season for that sport**. In that case, the sixth grade students of the school may be permitted to participate ~~on the~~ **in any** seventh and eighth grade ~~baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball teams~~ **program** **except football** for the next two (2) years. **that season**. If the total enrollment of seventh and eighth grade students in a middle school is greater than sixty (60) ~~when the enrollment count was taken, but drops below sixty (60) during the first two (2) weeks of any sports season, the sixth grade students of the school may be permitted to participate on the seventh and eighth grade baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball teams during that specific sports season.~~
This participation does not count against the student's middle level eligibility.

ML/HS AMENDMENT #4

3.3.0 MEMBERS' COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES, page 5

3.3.6 Member Schools' Compliance with the WIAA Rules - Each member school shall comply with all applicable criteria. A school that fails to do so shall be subject to the violation process.

Unethical conduct by a prospective or enrolled student-athlete or a current or former staff member, which includes any individual who performs work for the athletics department even if he or she does not receive compensation for such work, may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- A. Refusal to furnish information relevant to an investigation of a possible violation of a WIAA regulation when requested to do so by the WIAA or the individual's school;**
- B. Knowing involvement in arranging for fraudulent academic credit or false transcripts for a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete;**
- C. Knowing involvement in offering or providing a prospective or an enrolled student-athlete an improper inducement or extra benefit or improper financial aid;**
- D. Knowingly furnishing or knowingly influencing others to furnish the WIAA or the individual's school false or misleading information concerning an individual's involvement in or knowledge of matters relevant to a possible violation of a WIAA regulation;**
- E. Receipt of benefits by a school staff member for facilitating or arranging a meeting between a student-athlete and an agent, financial advisor or a representative of an agent or advisor (e.g., "runner");**
- F. Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the WIAA, the WIAA Eligibility Committee or a school's admissions office regarding an individual's academic record (e.g., schools attended, completion of coursework, grades and test scores);**
- G. Fraudulence or misconduct in connection with placement examinations;**
- H. Engaging in any athletics competition under an assumed name or with intent to otherwise deceive; or**
- I. Failure to provide complete and accurate information to the WIAA, the WIAA Eligibility Committee or the school's athletics department regarding an individual's amateur status.**

ML/HS AMENDMENT # 6

18.19.0 EIGHTH GRADE PARTICIPATION, page 33

18.19.2 PARTICIPATION WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM – If a sport is not offered by the middle school and pending league support, a 1B or 2B High schools with an enrollment equal to or less than one-half of the enrollment in the largest 2B school may use eighth graders for that classification cycle may allow eighth graders from a WIAA member feeder middle school/junior high to participate in any high school program.

NOTE: 104 will be enrollment cut-off for the 2016-2020 classification cycle.

~~18.19.3 PARTICIPATION WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM – If a sport is offered by the middle school and pending league support, a 1B or 2B high school may use eighth grade students from a WIAA member feeder middle school/junior high to salvage viable varsity or junior varsity high school teams in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and/or volleyball.~~

~~A. The school must have a history of offering the sport at that level, and is not beginning a program at any level.~~

~~B. Eighth graders could be used to salvage the high school varsity team if at any time during the season the number of participants on the high school team is at or below these specified numbers.~~

~~Baseball: 16~~

~~Basketball: 9~~

~~Football, 8-man: 14~~

~~Football, 11-man: 19~~

~~Soccer: 12~~

~~Softball: 16~~

~~Volleyball: 11~~

~~C. Eighth graders could be used to salvage the high school junior varsity team if at any time during the season the number of participants on the high school team is at or below these specified numbers.~~

~~Baseball: 25~~

~~Basketball: 16~~

~~Football, 8-man: 22~~

~~Football, 11-man: 30~~

~~Soccer: 19~~

~~Softball: 25~~

~~Volleyball: 17~~

~~D. Any and all eligible eighth graders interested in playing at the high school level could practice with the high school junior varsity or varsity teams, but the combined roster for both the junior varsity and the varsity regular season contests would be limited to the specified numbers in 18.19.3.B or C on any given day.~~

G. Combining contests in both the middle level and high school level, an eighth grader may participate in up to the maximum number of high school contests. Also refer to the specific sport sections in this WIAA handbook to verify daily, weekly or season limitations.

Continuation of ML/HS Amendment #6:

- 18.19.4 Provided all conditions of eligibility are met, any student will have four years of eligibility after entering the ninth grade.

ML/HS AMENDMENT #8

57.0.0 FOOTBALL, page 62

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.

ML/HS AMENDMENT #9

66.0.0 WRESTLING, page 70

NEW ARTICLE

66.10.0 UNIFORM VARIANCE - Wrestlers may wear a one-piece singlet as outlined in the NFHS wrestling rule book, or a two-piece outfit consisting of close-fitting “fight shorts” and a short-sleeved compression top. No combination of the two will be allowed. Wrestling teams must adhere to all other uniform regulations.

66.68.0 UNIFORM VARIANCE - Wrestlers shall wear any shoe deemed appropriate by the coach, activities coordinator, and/or wrestling official. Wrestlers may wear a one-piece singlet as outlined in the NFHS wrestling rule book, or a two-piece outfit consisting of close-fitting “fight shorts” and a short-sleeved compression top. No combination of the two will be allowed. Wrestling teams must adhere to all other uniform regulations.