Washington Interscholastic Activities Association 2018-19 WIAA handbook changes



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- **RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES CROWD CONTROL** Students, school staff, and school boards of member school districts in all interscholastic relationships are obligated to practice and promote the highest principles of sportsmanship and ethics. Member school districts must maintain proper crowd control at all interscholastic contests and events. (MAC)
- 4.1.4 During the second year of the four year cycle, a school may appeal its determined
- d.9.2 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.
- 4.3.0 OPTING FOR A HIGHER CLASSIFICATION A 1B or 2B school may opt up to a higher classification for all sports and activities under WIAA jurisdiction or may petition up or down for football only. If a school chooses to opt up, it must be for all sports and activities under WIAA jurisdiction. There will be two (2) opportunities to opt up: A) The first opportunity will be prior to the enrollment count. After all the schools desiring to opt up have done so on WIAA Classification Commitment Form 3, the member schools will be divided into equal classifications after the numbers are finalized by the WIAA. B) The second opportunity to opt up will be a two week period after all the classification numbers have been finalized. A school opting up during this two week period must have approval from their District Board and the WIAA Executive Board. This rule will only be applied during the years that schools are reclassified using percentages.
- 4.9.1 **APPEAL OF DETERMINED CLASSIFICATION** A school may appeal their its determined classification to the District Directors Appeals Board. A decision of the District Directors Appeals Board may be appealed to the WIAA Executive Board. The initial appeal must be filed no later than January 10 of the classification year.
- 6.9.2 Both Assemblies must approve an issue or amendment that affects all member schools by a **sixty** (60) percent (60%) affirmative vote of the appropriate Assembly (11 of the 18 middle level, 21 of the 35 high school or 32 of the 53 combined).
- **7.4.0 DUE DATE FOR AMENDMENTS** The completed form must be submitted to the WIAA office by the second Friday in January **December**.
- **8.2.0 TERM OF OFFICE** Each member shall be elected for a term of three years beginning August 1 during the first year of the term and concluding with the summer meeting during the third year of the term. Board members may be re-elected. Each WIAA District shall determine the means to elect the Executive Board member from that District and members will be elected by the following schedule: Districts 4, 5, 6 in 2018; Districts 2, 8, 9 in 2019; Districts 1, 3, 7 in 2020; **Districts 4, 5, 6** in 2021; and succeeding years in a similar manner.
 - 8.2.1 Four at-large members shall be selected in order to provide female, ethnic, **race** and geographic representation on the Executive Board. Each region will have one at-large representative, with the fourth at-large representative selected from any of the districts by the following schedule: Region B and C in 2018; the state-wide at-large representative in 2019; Region A in 2020; and Region B and Region C in 2021. Districts 1 and 2 are represented by Region A; Districts 3 and 4 are represented by Region B; Districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 are represented by Region C; all Districts are represented by the state-wide at-large position. (MAC)

- 9.1.3 Independent Review Committee The Independent Review Committee will be appointed annually by the WIAA Executive Board in cooperation with the State Superintendents Association, State School Director's Association, State Principal's Association, and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. WIAA member schools have access to this committee.
- 17.3.2 When individuals/teams play in the alternate season and at least one individual qualifies 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 golf 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.

17.5.7 PRESEASON MEETINGS

- 9.1.3 Independent Review Committee The Independent Review Committee will be appointed annually by the WIAA Executive Board in cooperation with the State Superintendents Association, State School Director's Association, State Principal's Association, and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- middle or junior high school or at the 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 two (2) meetings with the squad prior to the opening day of practice to issue equipment, to explain to the participants such issues as insurance, physical examinations, season's plans, training regulations, summer activities, leadership training, other training that is not sport specific or any other pertinent information deemed necessary by the coach. to cover information that is not sport specific.
 - B. A coach may have two (2) additional meetings with the squad prior to the opening day of practice to issue equipment, to explain to the participants such issues as insurance, physical examinations, season's plans, training regulations, summer activities, leadership training, or any other pertinent information deemed necessary by the coach
 - C. This restriction does not apply to fundraising activities unless the fundraising activities include the students participating in 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.
 - 1. Fundraising activities are subject to the approval and rules of the participating school districts and/or Association Student Body governments.
 - 2. Participating in fundraising activities cannot be a requirement, incentive for, or a condition of participation on a team.
 - D. Organization or implementation of the wrestling weight management program is not considered to be the one (1) organizational meeting.
- 17.5.8 B. Following the completion of the school season for that sport, a school coach may coach high school seniors.
- 17.5.8.B 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 if that coach is contracted to coach at both the high school and middle level, or during the summer.
- 17.5.8.E.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 WIAA Executive Board.

- 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 of that school during the summer if approved by the local school board. (Bd approved 9/24-25/17)
- 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 AND SUBVARSITY CONTEST SQUADS:

- 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.

- 25.5.7 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.
- 17.26.4 For granting exceptions for hair devices due to religious or medical reasons, the head covering must comply with the following:
 - A. The student-athlete is responsible to insure that the head covering is not abrasive, hard or dangerous to any other player and is attached in such a way that it is highly unlikely to come off during play.
 - B. The head covering must be similar in color to the predominant color of the jersey, if possible. White, gray, black or beige is also acceptable.
 - C. The uniform number(s) on the front and back of the jersey must also be visible at all times.
- **17.31.0 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 approved supervisor.
- A. In the fall, an incoming ninth grade student is not required to meet the previous semester scholarship rule in 18.7.4 provided he/she has met all other eligibility requirements. The student's grades will be monitored during the first designated monitoring period established by the school and every three (3) to six (6) weeks thereafter.
- **18.17.0 SIXTH (6th) GRADE PARTICIPATION** Sixth (6th) graders may participate with seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) graders under certain conditions.
 - 18.17.1 Sixth (6th) graders may participate with and against seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) graders in wrestling regardless of the enrollment of the middle school.
 - 18.17.2 Sixth (6th) graders may participate in any middle level program except football if the total enrollment of the seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) grades in a middle school is less than 60 on the first day of the season for that sport. In that case, the sixth (6th) grade students of the school may participate in any seventh (7th) and eighth (8th) grade program except football during that season.
 - 18.17.3 This participation does not count against the student's middle level eligibility.
 - 18.17.4 This rule may not be appealed through the eligibility appeal process.
- 18.19.1 If a sport is not offered by the middle school, middle level students may practice with the feeder high school as long as the number of **consecutive** weeks does not exceed the season limitation for middle level in that sport.

- 18.20.2 With league approval, any 2B school may allow eighth (8th) grade students from a WIAA member feeder middle school/junior high to participate in any the high school program—for that classification cycle with the intent to maintain a varsity and a junior varsity program in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, or volleyball. Eighth graders cannot be brought up to establish a C squad if one of the following circumstances exist.
- 18.20.3 With league approval, any 2B school may allow eighth (8th) grade students from a WIAA member feeder middle school/junior high to participate in any high school program if that sport is not offered at the middle level/junior high.
- 18.20.4 With league approval, any 2B school may allow eighth (8th) grade students to participate at the high school level 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
Soccer: 25
Softball: 25
Volleyball: 17

- 18.20.4 Combining contests in both middle level and high school, an eighth (8th) grader may participate in 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.
- 18.20.5 Provided all conditions of eligibility are met, any student will have four (4) years of eligibility after entering the ninth grade.
- 18.23.4 Penalties for violating this rule are determined by the local school district.
- 18.24.1 In order to maintain amateur standing in that sport under WIAA jurisdiction, the student-athlete may not:
 - B. Accept gift cards or cash awards in that sport. A voucher with no cash value is allowed.
- 18.24.1.G. Play or have ever played in a competition or against any professional team in that sport or on any team that is under the jurisdiction of a professional sports team or franchise. "Jurisdiction" means that funds from the team or franchise or coaching by any member of the sports team or franchise have been provided.
- 18.24.1.H. By sport receive or have ever received **from a professional sports organization**, directly or indirectly, a salary or any other form of financial assistance including scholarships, educational grants-in-aid, or any of his/her expenses for reporting to or visiting a professional team from a professional sports organization.
- 18.24.2 Provided he/she is not representing a WIAA member school, a student-athlete may participate against professional and college scoring athletes in the following sports: bowling, cross country, golf, gymnastics, swim/dive, tennis, track and field, and wrestling any sport under the jurisdiction of the WIAA.

- 18.27.3 The first ejection of the season shall result, at a minimum, in the ejected person (student, coach, other school representative) being ineligible until after the next school contest in that sport at the same level of competition from which the person was ejected.
 - A. An ejection in boys soccer due to violent conduct or abusive language shall result in a suspension of three matches.
 - A. An ejection due to violent conduct by a player or a coach or abusive language by a coach shall result in a suspension equal to twenty percent (20%) of the number of allowable contests for that sport as indicated below.

Number of contests allowed/season	Number of contests suspended	
1 - 7	1	
8 - 11	2	
12 - 15	3	
16 - 20	4	

- Violent conduct is defined as the commission of a violent act against an opponent, official, spectator, teammate or other individual(s) when in or out of play. A player or coach is guilty of violent conduct if he/she uses excessive force or brutality against an opponent when not in the play. He/she is also guilty of violent conduct if he/she uses excessive force or brutality against a teammate, spectator, official or any other person. Violent conduct may occur either on the field of play or outside its boundaries, whether the person is in play or not.
- 2. Abusive language **applies to coaches only** and is defined as harsh or insulting language or profanity directed towards another individual.
- 18.27.3. B. Even though a jamboree does not count as a contest for the purposes of meeting the suspension period, the suspended person is not allowed to participate in a jamboree. (Bd approved 9/24-25/17)
- 19.13.0 APPEAL PROCESS FOR EJECTION FROM CONTEST An appeal of the penalty shall proceed as follows:
 - 19.13.1 Ejections resulting from a misinterpretation or misapplication on the part of the ejecting contest official(s) may be appealed.
 - A. The principal/designee of the ejected person must contact the WIAA administrative staff within one (1) school business day after the conclusion of the contest in which the ejection occurred to verify a misapplication or misinterpretation of the rule. Providing the WIAA administrative staff finds a misapplication or misinterpretation of the rule, the principal/designee may appeal the suspension to the school's league.
 - If the school is not a member of a league, the appeal will be filed directly with the District Board.
 - B. The principal or designee may stay the suspension, but may not vacate the ejection, and will report his/her decision and rationale to the school's league.
 - C. The hearing procedures, as outlined in 28.0.0, shall be followed. The league shall review and either affirm the decision of the principal/designee with the understanding that the one (1) contest suspension shall not be assessed or overrule the decision of the principal/designee, whereby the ejected person shall be required to serve the one (1) contest suspension. Any league action shall be in writing and specify the reasons for the league decision. Failure of a school for any reason to enforce the regulation and/or decision of the league will be considered a school violation.

- D. For tournaments, qualifying and/or state events any appeal will be heard by the Games Committee (refer to 19.13.3), providing the appeal was approved by the school principal/designee. A decision will be given no later than two (2) hours before the next event in which the ejected person might participate.
- E. Providing the Games Committee (refer to 19.13.3) finds misapplication or misinterpretation of a rule, the penalty may be vacated.
- F. Failure of the school to enforce the regulation or decision will result in the disqualification from and forfeiture of all remaining contests of that event. Due process procedures of the WIAA Handbook and Rule Violations and Penalties will apply to any further action.
- G. The severity of the penalty for the second ejection or for aggressive physical contact may be appealed to the WIAA Executive Director upon presentation of rationale and written documentation signed by the WIAA member school principal or superintendent desiring and supporting penalty modification within two (2) school business days after the conclusion of the contest in which the ejection occurred.
- 19.13.2 Ejections resulting from a judgment call that resulted in an ejection, may be appealed. School approved video evidence, submitted by the principal or designee, may be used to determine whether an ejection was due to incorrect judgment on the part of the ejecting contest official(s).
 - A. For regular season events, the principal/designee of the ejected person must contact the WIAA administrative staff within one (1) school business day after the conclusion of the contest in which the ejection occurred to verify an incorrect judgment call that resulted in the ejection. Providing the WIAA administrative staff finds an incorrect judgment call backed by video evidence, the principal/designee may appeal only the suspension to the school's league. If the school is not a member of a league, the appeal will be filed directly with the WIAA District Board.
 - 1. The video must be submitted within one (1) school business day after the conclusion of the contest during which the ejection occurred.
 - The video submitted must clearly document the situation/play in which the ejection occurred.
 - 3. The WIAA administrative staff will have a minimum of two (2) school business days in order to make a decision regarding the appeal.
 - 4. The decision of the WIAA administrative staff regarding the ejection is final.
 - If the next contest in which the ejected person will be suspended is less than two (2) school business days from the conclusion of the contest during which the ejection occurred, the appeal must be heard by a Games Committee (refer to 19.13.3).
 - B. **Provided the steps in 19.13.2 have been met,** the principal or designee may stay the suspension, but may not vacate the ejection, and will report his/her decision and rationale to the school's league.
 - If WIAA administrative staff review cannot be completed prior to the next regular season contest or a Games Committee (refer to 19.13.3) is not available, the suspension must be fulfilled.
 - 2. If the suspension is fulfilled, an appeal can still be processed, with the potential to remove the ejection from the individual's record and the school ejection count.
 - C. The hearing procedures, as outlined in 27.0.0, shall be followed. The league shall review and either affirm the decision of the principal/designee with the understanding that the one (1) contest suspension shall not be assessed or overrule the decision of the principal/designee, whereby the ejected person shall be required to serve the one (1) contest suspension. Any league action shall be in writing and specify the reasons for the league decision. Failure of a school for any reason to enforce the regulation and/or decision of the league will be considered a school violation.

- D. For **postseason** qualifying **contests** and/or state **contests**, any appeal will be heard by the Games Committee (refer to 19.13.3), providing the appeal was approved by the school principal/designee. A decision will be given no later than two (2) hours before the next event in which the ejected person might participate.
- E. Failure of the school to enforce the regulation or decision will result in the disqualification from and forfeiture of all remaining contests of that event. Due process procedures of the WIAA Handbook and Rule Violations and Penalties will apply to any further action.
- F. The severity of the penalty for the second ejection or for aggressive physical contact may be appealed to the WIAA Executive Director upon presentation of rationale and written documentation signed by the WIAA member school principal or superintendent desiring and supporting penalty modification within two (2) school business days after the conclusion of the contest in which the ejection occurred.
- 19.13.3 Games Committee Defined -Each Event Manager may appoint and name a predetermined Games Committee for all regular season events with less than two (2) school business days between contests and all postseason contests. The Games Committee may be on site or readily accessible by phone for all regular season events with less than two (2) school business days between contests and all postseason qualifying and/or state contests.
 - A. The Games Committee may be composed of no fewer than three, nor more than five, members. Games committee members may include 1) the event manager or designee; 2) the head official; 3) a coach, athletic director or school administrator not involved in the appeal; and may include 4) the official scorekeeper or 5) another event staff member.
 - B. The Games Committee members may not have a conflict of interest with the teams/individuals involved with the appeal.
 - C. The Games Committee may assist the event manager as needed and be immediately available to him/her at all times during the event.
 - D. The Games Committee will act as an arbitration board to review an appeal of an ejection due to incorrect judgment.
 - E. Providing the Games Committee overturns a judgment call that led to an ejection, the suspension may be vacated.
 - F. The decision of the Games Committee is final.
- 19.14.2 In addition to the above, the District Eligibility Chairperson may appoint a Fact Finder to investigate matters pertaining to the protest. Refer to Appendix 11, Procedures for WIAA Fact-Finding.
- **20.1.0 EMPLOYEE OF THE DISTRICT** No school team or individual contestant shall be eligible to represent a school in an athletic contest unless the coach is an employee has been approved by the School Board of the school district in which he/she coaches.
- 20.4.2 **Annually** complete the WIAA general rules clinic and the WIAA approved rule clinic for the sport being coached prior to the end of the third week of the sports season.
 - A. All high school and middle level paid coaches and volunteers acting as head high school head coaches.
 - B. Volunteers acting as head high school coaches.
 - C. Middle level head coaches and assistant coaches for high school and middle level Volunteer assistant coaches recommended, but not required.

Coaches Standards Certification Chart was also updated.

20.4.10 Stunt Certification is required for cheer coaches and dance/drill coaches who intend to have their cheer or dance/drill squad(s) perform stunts. The certification program must be approved by the Washington State Cheer Coaches Association, the Washington State Dance/Drill Coaches Association, and the WIAA. Coaches must be recertified every three (3) years with "hands on" training to be required the first year and either the "hands on" training or completion of WIAA approved online courses in subsequent years.

- 20.4.11 All Middle School and High School football coaches must complete school-district approved technique specific safety training similar to "Heads Up Football". The training must include, but is not limited to, "hands on" Safer Tackling Techniques and Drills, Helmet and Shoulder Pad fitting, Concussion management with Return to Play Protocols following a concussion, Heat and Hydration training and Sudden Cardiac Arrest training. Football coaches will be required to repeat this training every three years.
- 25.5.3 Probation The **coach/personnel/**school is placed on probation for a specified time by the league, WIAA District or WIAA Executive Board. During the probationary period, a school may participate in all interscholastic activities unless stipulated otherwise by the league or WIAA.
- **30.4.0 PLAYER LIMITATION** Each player may play in 20 contests, but in doing so may not exceed 80 quarters. Any appearance in a quarter, regardless of the length of time played, shall be considered as one (1) quarter. This is interpreted as meaning when a player is beckoned onto the floor and the ball becomes alive, that the player has played in one (1) quarter.
 - 30.4.1 Varsity players from all classifications of schools except '1B' schools may appear in a maximum of four (4) five (5) quarters in one (1) day.
 - 30.4.2 Players in '1B' schools may appear in a maximum of five (5) quarters in one (1) day.
 - 30.4.3 Players from all classifications of schools except '1B' schools may participate in a maximum of 20 games 80 quarters during the regular season.
 - 30.4.4 Players in '1B' schools may participate in a maximum of 80 quarters during the regular season.

36.1.0 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Year	First Practice	Minimum Practice Days	50% Rule Date	Regular Season Contest Limit	End Season
2018-19	February 25	0	April 1	12 + Jamboree	May 22
Alternate	August 20	0	September 24	12 + Jamboree	November 10
Alternate	Practice Start	Beginning April 24			
2019-20	March 2	0	April 6	12 + Jamboree	May 27
Alternate	August 26	0	September 30	12 + Jamboree	November 16
Alternate	Practice Start	Beginning April 29			

37.1.0 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Year	First Practice	Minimum Practice Days	50% Rule Date	Regular Season Contest Limit	End Season
2018-19	November 12	15	December 17	10 + Jamboree	February 23
2019-20	November 18	15	December 23	10 + Jamboree	February 29

38.3.3 Any player that is issued a second yellow card caution in the same match will be disqualified from participating for the remainder of the match and the offending team will not be allowed to substitute for the disqualified player. This will not be counted as an ejection nor reported as an ejection to the WIAA. The player will remain with his/her team in the bench area. NFHS soccer rule 12.8.2, Situation 1, page 178: Player A2, having been cautioned earlier in the game, commits a second cautionable offense. RULING: Stop play, show the yellow card, subsequently show the red card to disqualify A2 and do not permit a substitution for the disqualified player.

41.1.0 SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Year	First Practice	Minimum Practice Days	50% Rule Date	Regular Season Contest Limit	End Season
2018-19	February 25	10	April 1	16 + Jamboree	May 25
Alternate	August 20	10	September 24	16 + Jamboree	November 10
Alternate	Practice Start	10 beginning April 24			
2019-20	March 2	10	April 6	16 + Jamboree	May 30
Alternate	August 26	10	September 30	16 + Jamboree	November 16
Alternate	Practice Start	10 beginning April 29			

43.3.2 By league adoption, sub-varsity contests may be two (2) out of three (3) sets, a guaranteed three (3) sets, three (3) out of five (5) sets or five (5) out of five (5) sets.

- 43.64.0 How to count middle level volleyball contests (Bd approved 9/24-25/17)
- 43.64.3 Up to three (3) sets played against the same squad, same day, is one (1) contest.
- 43.64.4 Up to three (3) sets played against the same school, same day, different squads (i.e., varsity and sub-varsity squads) is one (1) contest.
- 43.64.5 Up to three (3) sets played against the same school, different days during the same week, different squads (i.e., varsity on Tuesday, sub-varsity on Thursday), is one (1) contest.
- 43.65.6 Up to three (3) sets played against two (2) different schools, same day, different squads, would be two (2) contests.
- 43.64.7 Up to three (3) sets played against two (2) different schools, different days during the same week, different squads, would be two (2) contests.
- 43.64.8 Between four (4) and six (6) sets played against the same school, or against two different schools, would be two (2) contests.
- 43.65.1 A Two (2) one-day culminating event tournaments may count as one (1) two (2) of the ten (10) contests. A combination of sets or matches may not exceed the equivalent of three (3) matches, which is equal to nine (9) sets, in each tournament.
- 43.65.2 Each squad and each player is limited to schedule and to participate in only one (1) two (2) tournaments as a culminating event.
- Page 72 Appendix on Non-Discrimination moved to WIAA Executive Board Policy Book

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Q&A-8: Could a coach be involved in coaching one of his/her athletes who has been nominated as a member of a regional or national team in that sport during the out-of-season time period?

YES, if that athlete is a senior. NO for any other age athlete unless a waiver has been provided by the WIAA Executive Board.

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Q&A-5: Is it OK for a coach to work with seniors after they have finished their season?

Yes. A coach may coach seniors in only one practice and in one WSCA-sponsored all state or All American game. Seniors are considered to be current members of the squad until the end of the school year. Even though the seniors have completed their final year of that sport, they are still eligible to participate in any succeeding sports until the end of the school year.

19.8.0 ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE - THE HEARING

Q&A: How will I be notified of the date and time of my eligibility hearing?

The WIAA District Eligibility Chairperson will send you notification by certified mail notify you of the date, time and place of your eligibility hearing. Your athletic director will also be provided the hearing information.

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19.13.0 APPEAL PROCESS FOR EJECTION FROM CONTEST

Q&A-1: The pitcher on our softball team was ejected from today's game. I did not notify the umpire of my desire to appeal until after the game. What is the appeal process I must follow?

The school will not be able to appeal this ejection because the coach did not give verbal notification to the umpire prior to the "next live ball." Note: Judgment calls are not subject to appeal. The school principal has one (1) school business day to notify the WIAA staff of the appeal.

Q&A-2: As the athletic director, I want to appeal the ejection of my coach from yesterday's game. The coach notified the official of the intent to appeal at the time of the ejection. I agree with my coach that the official made the wrong judgment call. What is the appeal process I must follow?

There is no appeal of judgment calls by a game official. The process for the appeal of a judgment call that led to an ejection by a game official is spelled out in the rule.