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2014-15 Presidents Report

Hello all:

It is an honor and pleasure to welcome each of you to the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association. This meeting is always an important time in our collective membership, but I suspect this year may be more important than any meeting in recent history. At times, it may be easy for some to focus on all that is negative in society, in our state or in our association, but we must take some time to reflect on the many successes that are prevalent each and every day that student-athletes are engaged in education-based athletics.

It is not difficult to see major public successes like the many state qualifiers and champions that have been recognized in the past year, nor is it difficult to see the extremely positive conclusion of both the 40th Girls Basketball and 100th Boys Basketball tournaments, but it is equally important to remember the original mission and purpose of education-based athletics and the many valuable lessons learned by thousands of kids that participated in sport this year.



While I suspect that much of the energy of this year's meeting will be focused on divisional placements and the relationships between our public schools, and our religious and independent schools, I highly encourage all in attendance to maintain a perspective of why we all do what we do for the student-athletes of our state.

Given the complexity of this year's meeting and in order to accurately prepare for today's meeting, I asked myself the following questions. And, before our work begins, I am going to ask each of you to genuinely reflect on them as well:

What is the end goal of education-based athletics?

Do we engage in sport solely to win championships or do we use sport to prepare young people for the much more important issues that they face in adult life?

Do the expectations of general society match the fundamental goals of education-based athletics?

Is it acceptable as leaders to do something that may be wrong or disastrous simply because the status quo may be frustrating to people?

In looking for some small tidbit of information that may be meaningful today, I ran across the following quote from Franklin D. Roosevelt and found it insightful. Please give it some thought.

"Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education."

In closing, thank you for all that each of you do for your student-athletes and for the children of our state. Please actively engage in today's meeting; our membership cannot afford to continually leave this meeting with strongly held opinions or specific thoughts and ideas left to be discussed in the hallways or in small groups after the fact. We are a strong and collectively talented membership, and if we apply those skills today, we can't help but come out stronger and more well-prepared to continue our work on behalf of all student-athletes in our state.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Beighley'. The signature is stylized with a large 'M' and a long, sweeping underline.

Mike Beighley, President, Board of Control
Whitehall School District

Mission

The purpose of this Association is threefold:

- A. To organize, develop, direct, and control an interscholastic athletic program which will promote the ideals of its membership and opportunities for member schools' participation.
- B. To emphasize interscholastic athletics as a partner with other school activities in the total educational process, and formulate and maintain policies which will cultivate high ideals of good citizenship and sportsmanship.
- C. To promote uniformity of standards in interscholastic athletic competition, and prevent exploitation by special interest groups of the school program and the individual's ability.

Note: The WIAA membership-sponsored tournaments are the collective property of the Association and not of any individual member. The Association reserves the right to promote and advance the membership's interests with publication information; exclusive arrangements to create recognition and exposure for school-sponsored activities; restrictive policies prohibiting exploitation and commercialization of membership-sponsored tournaments; appropriate proprietary interests; and the use of images or transmissions identifying students, administrative personnel and member school marks.

History

The WIAA takes pride in proclaiming that it is the first high school athletic association organized in the country.

The history of the WIAA goes back to late 1895 and early 1896 when meetings were held involving people interested in promoting (but not necessarily regulating) athletic competition among Wisconsin high schools.

The meetings came about as a result of a state track & field meet conducted in May of 1895 by the University of Wisconsin in Madison. This meet was one of the first such ventures undertaken in the United States.

The first formal effort by school administrators to become involved in high school athletics came in December of 1896 at a meeting of "City Superintendents and High School Section" of the State Teachers Association.

The WIAA goes back to that meeting for its year of origination, thus the 2014-15 school year marks the 119th for the WIAA. The centennial year of the WIAA was celebrated in 1995-96.

A committee was appointed at that meeting in 1896 to develop rules to govern athletic contests. A year later, there was another meeting to discuss rules and violators. S.A. Hooper of Milwaukee South was elected chairman and J.E. Rioardan of Sheboygan was elected secretary at that meeting.

Serving The Membership

One of the major changes in the WIAA structure came in 1949 with the institution of an Advisory Council. While Board of Control members come from geographical areas of the state, the Council is made up of members according to school size - five from large schools, five from medium schools and five from small schools. Beginning in 1985-86, a gender at-large representative became the 16th member of the Council. In 1993, an ethnic minority at-large representative was added to both the Board of Control and Advisory Council as was a nonpublic school representative in 2000. Council members are also administrators (district administrators, high school principals or assistants at either position).

The WIAA prides itself in a strong communication program. The WIAA BULLETIN is printed four times yearly. The communication process also includes a comprehensive website and a network of committees. There is a Sports Advisory Committee (athletic administrators - male and female), and there are separate committees of coaches for each sport sponsored by member schools. There are also special committees providing input on junior high matters, on officials' registration, concerns on medical matters, and a sportsmanship advisory group.

A major function of the WIAA operation, outside of conducting tournament programs and enforcing eligibility rules, is the licensing program for over 9,500 officials and series of rules interpretation meetings covering almost all sports. Junior high/middle level athletics is also a WIAA responsibility, although only about one-quarter of the nearly 400 school districts in the state affiliate their programs. A significant new dimension was added to the WIAA in the 1980s with the concept of cooperative teams, whereby one or more individual schools join their programs in one or more sports where participation doesn't allow a satisfactory program at a single school.

2013-14 CHANGES

Amendment #1—Rules of Eligibility – Article VI, Section 2, C., 2), a., Note 2. This change required football coaches to follow the fall acclimatization policy during their summertime unrestricted school coaching contact days.

Amendment #2—Rules of Eligibility – Article VI, Section 2, C., 2), b. This change provides that all sports with unlimited nonschool coaching contact will be the same.

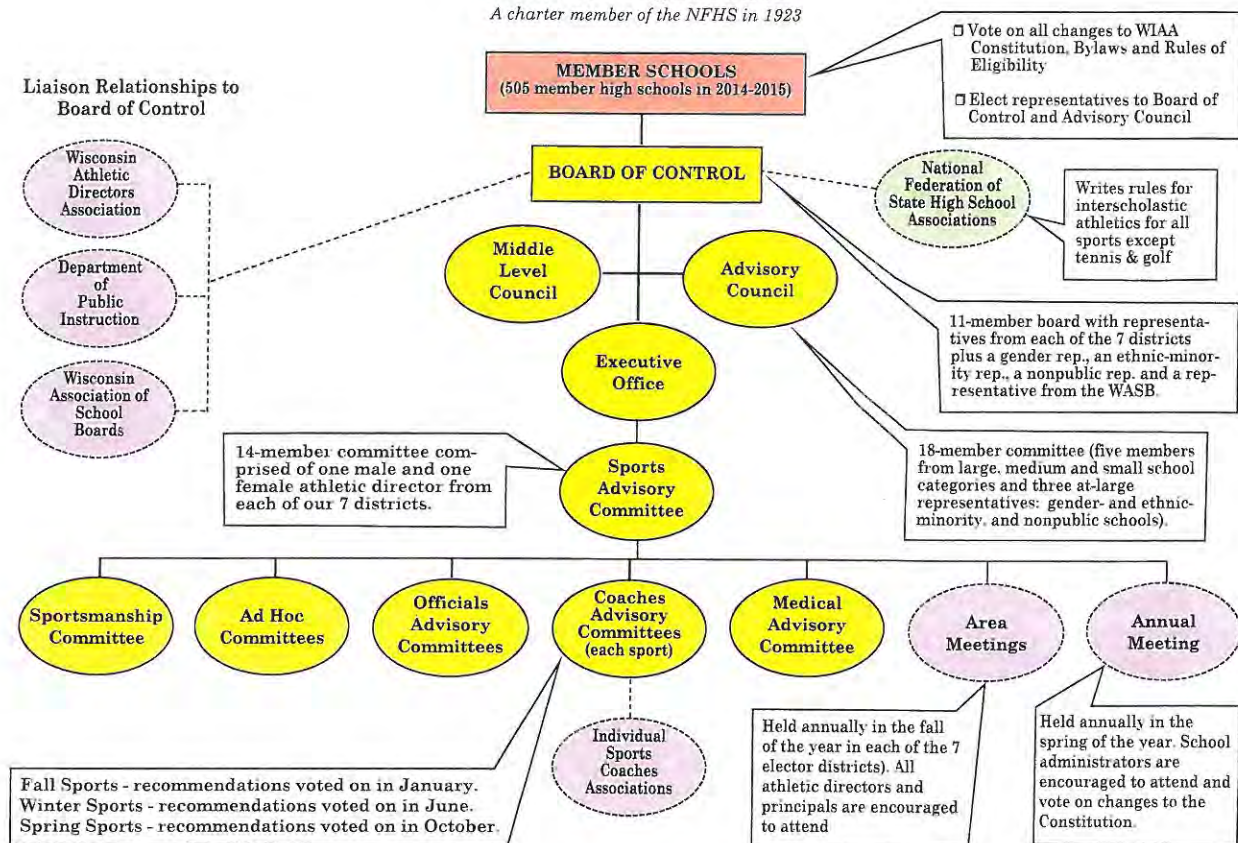
Amendment #3—Bylaws – Article VIII, Section 4, A. This change required assistant coaches to complete the rule meeting.

Committee Organization

WISCONSIN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Committee Organization

A charter member of the NFHS in 1923



2015 WIAA Annual Meeting Procedural Rules

Business Procedure: Robert's Rules of Order shall govern if not inconsistent with the WIAA Constitution.

Authority: The WIAA Constitution empowers the Board of Control to designate a time and place for an Annual Meeting for the purpose of conducting the business of this Association. Written notice of the Annual Meeting shall be provided member high schools at least 30 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. Each member high school (Grades 9-12) shall be entitled to one vote at the Annual Meeting, and this vote must be cast by the district administrator, chief executive officer, principal or other person designated by the local Board of Education or recognized governing body. The Constitution states the President of the Board of Control will chair the meeting.

Motions: All motions shall be in the affirmative. If the motion is seconded, the membership may debate or move directly to a vote.

Recognition by the Chair: A delegate may speak by going to a microphone, being recognized by the chair, give his or her full name and the name of the member school represented.

Debate on the Floor: The chair has the authority to establish time limits on individual presentations so that all representative positions can be stated.

Resolutions: The Constitution of the WIAA provides that "a proposed amendment to the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules of Eligibility of this Association may originate (1) at the Annual Meeting of this Association, (2) in the Board of Control, (3) in the Advisory Council or (4) by petition in

writing by the district administrator or high school principal of at least 10 % of the member high schools."

The Constitution instructs Executive Director Dave Anderson to "distribute to member high schools of this Association an informational bulletin detailing the wording of proposed amendments and a brief description of their meaning, intent and the effect of passage."

All member schools received such an informational bulletin earlier and the same material was printed in the BULLETIN. It also is part of the Annual Meeting handouts.

The Constitution further specifies that "member school representatives at the ensuing Annual Meeting (or a special emergency meeting) of this Association shall vote on the proposed amendment(s). If the majority of schools vote in favor of the proposed amendment(s), it shall become effective no later than the next following issue of the BULLETIN, the official publication of this Association."

If a proposed amendment develops at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of schools represented, action to add it to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility cannot be taken until the next Annual Meeting or, if the membership decrees, at a special emergency Annual Meeting. This procedure protects the rights of non-represented schools which would not have had prior knowledge of such a proposal.

Voting: All votes will be by written ballot. Color-coded ballots are included in each delegate's packet. Voting delegates have been appointed to serve as tellers, and they, with the help of the WIAA staff, will conduct the vote count.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility

Effective 2015-16

CONSTITUTION

NUMBER 1 – MEMBERSHIP

This change would require a member school to maintain one sport.

Article III – Membership – p. 14-15

Section 2 – Admission

- A. Application for membership shall be considered by the Board of Control of this Association upon receipt of the form provided for such purpose of evidence that the school:
- 1) Minutes of school's governing board action authorizing application to the WIAA.
 - 2) The school's Board-approved extracurricular code of conduct.
 - 3) Department of Public Instruction school identification number.
 - 4) Indication of at least one independently sponsored interscholastic athletic program that is maintained throughout the duration of membership.
 - 5) Completed WIAA membership application form . . .

| | Advance to Annual Meeting | Support |
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| Sports Advisory Committee | <u>14-0</u> | <u>14-0</u> |
| Advisory Council | <u>14-0</u> | <u>14-0</u> |
| Board of Control | <u>11-0</u> | <u>11-0</u> |

- ☒ Support adoption
☐ Don't support adoption
☐ No position

Rationale: In order to continue to have an informed membership, school administration must have a fundamental understanding of WIAA Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Eligibility.

399-32 Postponed

Constitution - Continued

NUMBER 2 – CLASSIFICATION

This change would add a success factor to determine divisional placement of the member schools for competition (including tournaments where necessary).

Article III – Membership

Section 3 – Classification – p. 15

A. Each senior high school shall be classified for purposes of membership, representation, and competition (including tournaments where necessary) on the basis of previous year's enrollment on the third Friday in September with exceptions as noted below.

- 1) Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, for competition (including tournaments where necessary), a success factor will be calculated to determine division placements for the sports of soccer, volleyball, basketball, softball and baseball. Placement in divisions will first utilize the success factor. The success factor will be defined in the Season Regulations for Tournament Assignment and will be utilized where appropriate in advance of enrollment placement considerations.
- 2) Schools with only Grades 10-12 students shall add, for purposes of classification and competition:
 - a. The total enrollment figure of the Grade 9 students, if there is only one school with Grades 10-12 students in the district.
 - b. One-third of the enrollment of Grades 10-12, if there is more than one school with Grades 10-12 students in the district.
- 3) The Board of Control shall have authority to adjust enrollment figures in unusual situations (such as consolidation, formation of new school, gain or loss of district, etc.), provided such information is made known before September 15 of each year.
- 4) The enrollment of schools consisting of students of only one sex shall be doubled to determine its classification.

Note: When two or more school districts consolidate, the third Friday enrollment count of the previous year will be used for all WIAA tournaments.

- 5) In a multiple high school district, charter school enrollment will be identified by the district according to student residence. The students will be assigned and counted by the school of residence for participation, enrollment and divisional classification.

See example on next page

271-161 not apply multiplier to single gender schools

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| Sports Advisory Committee | 11-3 |
| Advisory Council | 14-0 |
| Board of Control | 10-1 |

Advance to Annual Meeting

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Rationale: The Competitive Equity Committee came about as a result of action at the 2014 Annual Meeting. The committee conducted a broad and thorough review of various options considered in other states and after 7 months of work and deliberation advanced this amendment.

to change multiplier #
134 - 297 No

Amendment 231-202 Multiplier approved now Roll call vote to replace amendment & multiplier same results

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**BASEBALL (BOYS)
TOURNAMENT PROCEDURE**

1. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS WILL BE ON A GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS IN FOUR DIVISIONS IN THE SPRING PROGRAM (1-2-3-4) AND IN ONE DIVISION IN THE SUMMER PROGRAM.

Spring

- a. Schools will be evaluated by the success factor after each season:
 - 1) The success factor will be a three-year cumulative total of no less than six points in all divisions of the previous three years.
 - 2) Teams promoted using the success factor will be promoted to the next division from the previous year. No team will be moved more than one division per year.
 - 3) Promotion will only be in the sport where the school has achieved the six points.
 - 4) All teams promoted using the success factor will be locked into the promoted division and the remaining schools will be placed based on enrollment.
 - 5) After being promoted, points from a lower division will not be considered in future promotion.
 - 6) If success factor points over the previous three years are less than six points in all divisions, promoted teams will leave the division
 - 7) Co-ops
 - a) When a co-op forms, the co-op will be a point total equal with the combined total of both schools.
 - b) When a co-op dissolves, the schools will retain the points of the co-op.
 - 8) Calculating the success factor:
 - a) Points will be cumulative for a three-year period.
 - b) Points will be awarded based upon the finish of the team in the tournament series. Points do not accumulate during the tournament series.
 - (1) 4 points for winning a state title
 - (2) 3 points for advancing to the championship game
 - (3) 2 points for advancing to the state semifinal (final 4)
 - (4) 1 point for advancing to the state quarterfinal (final 8).
- b. After application of the success factor, the largest 96 schools sponsoring spring baseball are in Division 1, with the remaining schools divided equally between Divisions 2, 3 and 4.
 - 1) No team can be moved down a division due to another team's promotion if they have earned success factor points in that division during the previous three years.
 - 2) The next smallest school without success factor points during the previous three years will be moved down.
 - 3) Any tie will be addressed consistent with current season regulations.
- c. Schools may be allowed to play up one division in any sport (except football) from where its enrollment would otherwise place it if an application is submitted prior to June 1. This will not cause other schools to be displaced.

NUMBER 3 – CLASSIFICATION - Petition

This change would utilize a reducer to member schools' third Friday of September enrollment figure for competition (including tournaments where necessary).

Article III – Membership

Section 3 – Classification – p. 15

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- 1) Schools with only Grades 10-12 students shall add, for purposes of classification and competition:
 - a. The total enrollment figure of the Grade 9 students, if there is only one school with Grades 10-12 students in the district.
 - b. One-third of the enrollment of Grades 10-12, if there is more than one school with Grades 10-12 students in the district.
- 2) If a school submits by October 1 the appropriate form to verify its free and reduced lunch statistics as of the third Friday in September of each year, the school shall have its enrollment for purposes of classification calculated using the following formula: $X - (Y \times 0.4) = Z$:

X=TOTAL ENROLLMENT

Y=NUMBER OF FREE/REDUCED LUNCH STUDENTS

Z=ENROLLMENT NUMBER FOR CLASSIFICATION

Upon request, the school must provide additional verification (from the state and/or federal government) of the figures included in the form submitted by the school for purposes of this calculation.

- 3) The Board of Control shall have authority to adjust enrollment figures in unusual situations (such as consolidation, formation of new school, gain or loss of district, etc.), provided such information is made known before September 15 of each year.
- 4) The enrollment of schools consisting of students of only one sex shall be doubled to determine its classification.

Note: When two or more school districts consolidate, the third Friday enrollment count of the previous year will be used for all WIAA tournaments.

- 5) In a multiple high school district, charter school enrollment will be identified by the district according to student residence. The students will be assigned and counted by the school of residence for participation, enrollment and divisional classification.

| | Advance to Annual Meeting | Support |
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| Sports Advisory Committee | -- | -- |
| Advisory Council | -- | -- |
| Board of Control | 11-0 | -- |

Yes 167
NO 269

- ☐ Support adoption
☐ Don't support adoption
☒ No position

Rationale: Advanced by member petition.

Constitution - Continued

NUMBER 4 – PENALTIES

This change would remove the restitution penalty provided to the Board of Control in the Constitution.

Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Board of Control

Section 3 – Penalties – p. 19

A. Any of the following penalties may be imposed upon member schools, which violate Association rules and regulations, if such action is regarded as necessary for maintenance of discipline:

- 1) Suspension of membership for not more than one year.
- 2) Probation for not more than one year.
- 3) Denial of participation in Association tournament program.
- 4) Denial of any area of Association services and benefits.
- 5) ~~Monetary fine equal to Association expense incurred in any investigation and actual reimbursement of costs resulting from the violation.~~
- 5) Forfeiture (team sports) of contests won by school or (individual sports) of points/places won by individuals.
- 6) Loss of conference affiliation.

Note: All parties concerned may be convened after 48 hours of notice to consider charges filed against a member school.

| | Advance to Annual Meeting | Support |
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| Sports Advisory Committee | <u>12-2</u> | <u>--</u> |
| Advisory Council | <u>10-4</u> | <u>0-14</u> |
| Board of Control | <u>6-5</u> | <u>0-11</u> |

☐ Support adoption
☒ Don't support adoption
☐ No position

Rationale: Advanced at the request of a member school. Not supported by Board of Control because restitution is considered an appropriate potential penalty should times and circumstances warrant its use. Has been a part of the Constitution since 1924.

Yes 164

No 269

Constitution - Continued

NUMBER 5 – PETITION

This change would designate a date in which amendments may be brought to the membership via petition to allow discussion and committee review prior to the annual meeting.

Article IX – Amendments

Section 1 – Origin – p. 22

- A. A proposed amendment to the CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, or RULES OF ELIGIBILITY of this Association may originate:
- 1) At the Annual Meeting of this Association by a majority vote of represented member senior high schools.
 - 2) In the Board of Control.
 - 3) In the Advisory Council.
 - 4) By petition, in writing, by the administrator or high school principal of at least 10% of the member senior high schools. The petition must be submitted by the first Friday in January prior to the next annual meeting.

| | Advance to Annual Meeting | Support |
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| Sports Advisory Committee | <u>14-0</u> | <u>14-0</u> |
| Advisory Council | <u>13-0</u> | <u>13-0</u> |
| Board of Control | <u>11-0</u> | <u>11-0</u> |

- X Support adoption
 Don't support adoption
 No position

Rationale: This change does not eliminate the members' ability to petition. It allows more time for members to review and consider amendments and allows for review by the Sports Advisory Committee and Advisory Council.

Yes 385
No 43

BYLAWS

NUMBER 6 – COACHES QUALIFICATIONS

This change would require all coaches at all levels to complete and maintain certification in First Aid, CPR and AED.

Article VIII – Coaches Qualifications – p. 29

Section 1 – Certified to Teach

- A. Persons certified or eligible and applying for certification to teach in Wisconsin or who have completed a WIAA approved education course shall be assigned as coaches (including assistants, helpers, aides, etc.) of teams representing a school in interscholastic competition.

Section 2 – Application

- A. This rule is applicable to all levels of competition, varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, freshman, etc., and practice sessions as well as actual competition.

Section 3 – Coaches Not Licensed to Teach (CNLTs)

- A. A school may employ other than a certified teacher for coaching, if a certified teacher is unavailable or unacceptable for coaching assignment.
- B. The following provisions must be met:
- 1) All coaches not licensed as teachers must have completed a WIAA approved coaches education course before they start their second year of coaching.
 - 2) In lieu of having a coach not licensed as a teacher complete a course, a school may assign a faculty mentor, not otherwise coaching, to be present at all times with the coach.
 - 3) A coach not licensed as a teacher, with five years of documented coaching experience prior to the 1994-95 school year in public or nonpublic educational institutions, will not need to complete a coaches education course, but will need to apply annually.
 - 4) Coaches not licensed as teachers, or who have not completed an approved coaches education course, must be registered with the WIAA office on the Request for Permission to Use a Coach Not Licensed to Teach Form (CNLT). This requirement includes first year coaches and coaches with five years of experience prior to the 1994-95 school year.
 - 5) A fee schedule for coaches not licensed to teach will be issued annually.

Section 4 – Sport Meeting Requirement

- A. All coaches, whether paid or unpaid, shall be required to attend a WIAA sport/rules meeting specific to the sport they coach and/or watch a WIAA sport/rules video and complete the rules exam, if such meetings or videos and exams are offered for that sport.

Section 5 – Required Coaches Education Courses

- A. Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, all coaches, whether paid or ~~unpaid~~, shall be certified and will maintain certification in First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification and AED operation. Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, this requirement must be met before coaches start their second year of coaching.

| | | Advance to Annual Meeting | Support |
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| <div>Yes 260</div> <div>No 167</div> | Sports Advisory Committee | <u>14-0</u> | <u>14-0</u> |
| | Advisory Council | <u>14-0</u> | <u>12-2</u> |
| | Board of Control | <u>11-0</u> | <u>11-0</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support adoption | | Rationale: Coaches are increasingly recognized as first responders. This proactive approach affords best protection to students, coaches and member schools. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't support adoption | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No position | | | |

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

NUMBER 7 – NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION DURING THE SEASON

This change would allow any individual athlete to participate in up to two nonschool contests during the regular school sport season in the same sport with school approval. It will count against the athlete's individual participation limit. This change neither affects nor alters the exceptional athlete provision or Note #2, below.

Article VI – Nonschool Participation

Section 1 – In-Season – p. 37

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of a given sport. Athletes may compete in **not more than two** nonschool competitions with school approval during each regular sport season. The contest(s) will count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Nonschool competition will not be allowed during the respective WIAA tournament series in a sport. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in more than two nonschool games, meets, or contests in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. The penalty may be reduced upon request of a school on the basis of documented extenuating circumstances.
- 1) Nonschool games, meets, or contests shall be interpreted ...
 - 2) A student who was a member of a school team ...
 - 3) A student who is cut from the squad, ...
 - 4) This rule (prohibiting students from competing in nonschool programs during the school season in the same sport) may be waived on behalf of an exceptional athlete provided:
 - a. The competition has international ramifications, ...
 - b. The school requests an exemption
 - c. The athlete:
 - (1) Achieved one of the first five places (in an individual sport) ...
 - (2) Was prevented by illness, injury, or unusual circumstances ...
 - (3) Defeated in subsequent competition ...
 - (4) Qualified for Special Olympics, or for international competition

| | Advance to Annual Meeting | Support |
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| Sports Advisory Committee | <u>8-6</u> | <u>6-8</u> |
| Advisory Council | <u>6-6</u> | <u>0-12</u> |
| Board of Control | <u>11-0</u> | <u>10-1</u> |

- ☒ Support adoption
☐ Don't support adoption
☐ No position

Rationale: The requests for nonschool competition continue to rise and therefore to diminish the exceptional athlete provisions. This amendment comes as a result of member schools' frequent and persisting request for relief from this rule.

Yes 44
No 383

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Continued

NUMBER 8 – NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION DURING THE SEASON

This change would allow students to participate in skills contests during the season in the same sport.

Article VI – Nonschool Participation

Section 1 – In-Season – p. 37

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the school and team of which he/she is a member during the season of a given sport. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for the remainder of the season for competing in nonschool game, meet, or contest in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. The penalty may be reduced upon request of a school on the basis of documented extenuating circumstances.

Note: With the approval of school administration, a student may be allowed to participate as an individual (not part of a team) in contests which isolate separate sport skills outside the traditional competition setting, e.g., shooting, passing, kicking contests. Such skill contests/events may not include physical contact with another participant or contain similar risks for serious injury or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. There can be no school coach involvement. The approval of the school may be granted on the basis that such participation will not impair or alter the student's eligibility (ie: amateur status) or other membership rules.

- 1) Nonschool games, meets, or contests shall be interpreted ...
- 2) A student who was a member of a school team ...
- 3) A student who is cut from the squad, ...
- 4) This rule (prohibiting students from competing in nonschool programs during the school season in the same sport) may be waived on behalf of an exceptional athlete provided:
 - a. The competition has international ramifications, ...
 - b. The school requests an exemption
 - c. The athlete:
 - (1) Achieved one of the first five places (in an individual sport) ...
 - (2) Was prevented by illness, injury, or unusual circumstances ...
 - (3) Defeated in subsequent competition ...
 - (4) Qualified for Special Olympics, or for international competition

Sports Advisory Committee
Advisory Council
Board of Control

Advance to Annual Meeting

Support

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- ☒ Support adoption
☐ Don't support adoption
☐ No position

Rationale: This same rule has been in place at the middle level.

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Continued

NUMBER 9 – BASKETBALL INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING CONTACT

This change would allow basketball coaches to provide an hour of individual instruction for up to six basketball players at one time in the gym using school resources.

Article VI – Nonschool Participation

Section 2 – Out-of-Season – p. 37-38

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes . . .
- B. With school consent, in the summertime, members of a school's team . . .
- C. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as unrestricted coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with Section 2A above:
 - 1) An acceptable nonschool program or activity is one which is not limited to students on the basis of a school affiliation, athletic experience, team status, etc. and no school monies or resources can be applied.
 - 2) The person who will be coaching a student the following school season shall not be permitted to coach that student other than during the designated school season and Board of Control approved coach contact days in the summertime. Board of Control approved summertime coach contact is as follows:
 - a. Unrestricted School Coaching Contact - Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded up to 5 days of unrestricted school coaching contact between the end of school and July 31, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section. The five days do not need to be consecutive
 - (1) There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no unrestricted school coaching contact prior to (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport. This does not affect unlimited nonschool coaching contact
 - (2) In addition to the five unrestricted school coaching contact days during the summertime, basketball coaches may provide basketball instruction to individual athletes.
 - (a) Contact may take place between June 16-July 31 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
 - (b) Athletes may not receive more than one hour of basketball instruction per day.
 - (c) No more than six athletes in a group may receive instruction at a time.
 - * ~~(d) No more than six athletes may be in the gym during instruction.~~
 - (e) 3-on-3 drills are allowed.
 - (f) No basketball instructional coaching contact by anyone may take place during the week of July 4th.
 - (3) Football must follow the WIAA Fall Acclimatization policy.

Sports Advisory Committee
Advisory Council
Board of Control

Advance to Annual Meeting
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 Support adoption
 X Don't support adoption
 No position

Rationale: Advanced at the request of basketball coaches.
Not supported by the Board due to potential fiscal impact on member schools.

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY – Continued

NUMBER 10 – COACHING CONTACT

This change would open unlimited non-school coaching contact to all sports except football for the period between the last day of school to the first day of school.

Article VI – Nonschool Participation

Section 2 – Out-of-Season – p. 37-38

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes . . .
- B. With school consent, in the summertime, members of a school's team . . .
- C. Other than during the actual school season and those days designated as unrestricted coach contact days in the summertime, the following provisions shall apply to nonschool participation in accordance with Section 2A above:
 - 1) An acceptable nonschool program or activity is one which is not limited to students on the basis of a school affiliation, athletic experience, team status, etc. and no school monies or resources can be applied.
 - 2) The person who will be coaching a student the following school season shall not be permitted to coach that student other than during the designated school season and Board of Control approved coach contact days in the summertime. Board of Control approved summertime coach contact is as follows:
 - a. Unrestricted School Coaching Contact – Coaches in all WIAA recognized sports (baseball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and wrestling) have been afforded up to 5 days of unrestricted school coaching contact between the end of school and July 31, in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in item B of this section. The five days do not need to be consecutive
 - (1) There must be a minimum of one calendar week (Sun.-Sat.) of no unrestricted school coaching contact prior to (i.e. the week immediately preceding) the first allowed practice in a fall sport. This does not affect unlimited nonschool coaching contact
 - (2) Football must follow the WIAA Fall Acclimatization policy.
 - b. Unlimited Nonschool Coaching Contact – Coaches in ~~the~~ all sports except football ~~of baseball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track & field and wrestling~~, have been afforded unlimited nonschool coaching contact beyond the five unrestricted days that is permitted to continue throughout the summertime (when school is not in session from the last day of school to the start of school) in accordance with the Bylaws and as described in Section 2 – A and C-1) of this section.
 - c. This provision shall not prevent a coach ...
etc.

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| | Advance to Annual Meeting | Support |
| Sports Advisory Committee | <u>14-0</u> | <u>12-2</u> |
| Advisory Council | <u>12-1</u> | <u>12-1</u> |
| Board of Control | <u>11-0</u> | <u>11-0</u> |

- ☒ Support adoption
- ☐ Don't support adoption
- ☐ No position

Rationale: This amendment responds to members' request for more uniformity in summer coaching contact provisions.

EDITORIAL CHANGES

Editorial changes are attempts to clarify existing rules without making any change in the interpretation of the rule. In some instances, the change may be merely a word(s) or the addition or deletion of a sentence, while in other cases the change may reflect Board of Control interpretation of membership wishes.

CONSTITUTION

Article V – Board of Control Organization

Section 1 – Membership – p. 15

- A. Executive and administrative powers of this Association shall be vested in a committee of eleven members, to be known as the Board of Control.
- 1) Ten of the members shall be administrators, assistant administrators, high school principals, or assistant high school principals. Six of the ten members shall each represent one of the districts comprised of the high schools listed hereafter. One of the ten members shall be an at-large representative of whichever gender has fewer memberships at the election announcement date for this position. One of the ten members shall be an at-large representative of ethnic minority origin as defined in the following note:

Note: A person having origins in black racial groups of Africa; Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race; Asian; Pacific Islander; American Indian; or Alaskan Native.

One of ten members shall be an at-large eligible administrator of a member nonpublic school.

Note: Candidates must have (1) Department of Public Instruction licensure allowing placement in the eligible set, (2) must be employed full-time in a qualifying position and (3) cannot be members of the teachers' bargaining unit.

- 2) One member shall represent the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, and that organization shall determine the procedure of selecting its representative.

Article VII – Advisory Council Organization

Section 1 – Membership – p. 20-21

- A. A committee of 18 members to be known as the Advisory Council shall be established to represent member schools as follows:
- 1) Five members to represent the large size schools.
- 2) Five members to represent the middle size schools.
- 3) Five members to represent the small size schools.
- 4) One member shall be an at-large representative of whichever gender has fewer memberships at the election announcement date for this position.
- 5) One member shall be an at-large representative of an ethnic minority as defined in the following note:

Note: A person having origins in black racial groups of Africa; Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race; Asian; Pacific Islander; American Indian; or Alaskan Native.

- 6) One member shall be an eligible administrator of a member nonpublic school.

Note: Candidates must have (1) Department of Public Instruction licensure allowing placement in the eligible set, (2) must be employed full-time in a qualifying position and (3) cannot be members of the teachers' bargaining unit.

- B. Membership on the Advisory Council is open to administrators, assistant administrators, high school principals, or assistant high school principals of member senior high schools of this Association.

BYLAWS

Article VIII – Coaches Qualifications

Section 4 – Sport/Rules Meeting and Exam Requirement – p. 29

- A. All coaches, whether paid or unpaid, shall be required to attend a WIAA sport/rules meeting specific to the sport they coach and/or watch a WIAA sport/rules video and complete the rules exam, if such meetings or videos and exams are offered for that sport.

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

Article V – Attendance and Scholarship

Section 1 – Senior High – p. 35

- A. A student is eligible for interscholastic competition at a member school if he/she is:
- 1) Carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time student of a public member school for purposes of state equalization aids as a Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school.
Note: A full-time student is a student where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.
 - 2) Carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled student of a nonpublic member school as a full-time Grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 student in that member school.
 - 3) At student –
 - a. Is ineligible after attending eight semesters or 12 trimesters while enrolled in Grades 9-12.
 - b. May not participate (practice and/or compete) in a sport in more than four different seasons while in Grades 9-12 or three different seasons while in Grades 10-12.
 - c. May not participate (practice and/or compete) in a sport in more than one season each school year with summer considered an extension of the previous school year.
Note: A student who transfers before the end of a season may not exceed in his/her total participation the individual game or meet limitations of that sport. A student may not participate in the tournament series of a sport for two different schools in the same school year. A student who transfers before the end of a season in a sport sponsored in more than one season may participate in both seasons, but may not exceed in his/her total participation the individual game or meet limitations of that sport.
 - d. Must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances.
Note: Eligibility which has been extended beyond the four-year (Grades 9-12) or three-year (Grades 10-12) period cannot be delayed until a semester of the student's or school's own choosing.
 - 4) After a student become a senior, he/she must conclude eligibility in one academic year through uninterrupted attendance, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances.
 - 5) A semester or trimester of eligibility shall be charged to a student after he/she (a) has been in attendance in that semester or trimester at least 40 days (using school starting date and date of withdrawal of student) or (b) has participated in an interscholastic contest.

Editorial Changes – Continued

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

Article VII – Health and Behavior/Compliance

Section 4 – Flagrant or Unsportsmanlike Conduct and/or Assault on an Official – p. 39

- A. A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from interscholastic competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game or meet).

Note: The penalty shall be served in the sport in which the offense occurred. If that sport season is completed, then it shall be served in the next sport or sport season.

- B. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or ~~intentionally and~~ aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.

CONFERENCE REALIGNMENT

Conference Alignment – Handbook p. 42

These changes clarify conference realignment procedures adopted by the Board of Control.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Control establishes this procedure to be followed in realignment matters:

1. The Executive Director, or a delegate, is responsible for identifying conference alignments that merit consideration for adjustment. This identification will be determined following a petition from a conference or conferences, a request by a designee of a Board of Education or Governing Body of member school, or by declaration of the WIAA staff annually at the Area Meetings.
2. Working meeting(s) may be made available when requested with administrators and/or Board of Education/Governing Body members of any of the schools potentially affected by changes in conference affiliation. Member schools are expected to send representatives with full knowledge of the impact of conference realignment and with the full authority to respond on the school's behalf. Discussions will include, but not be limited to enrollments, travel and programs. After completing the working meetings, a preliminary recommendation will be formulated.
3. The preliminary recommendation(s) shall be made known to the affected schools and conferences before the Board of Control's first consideration. The Board retains the right to alter the preliminary recommendation after first consideration. If the preliminary recommendation is altered, first consideration action will be delayed until the next scheduled Board of Control meeting.
4. Following Board of Control first consideration and resultant action on the preliminary recommendation, all affected schools and conferences shall be notified of the action. Any affected school or conference may petition for a hearing. The petition must be made within 40-days of the Board of Control action following first consideration. The hearing shall be held no later than the first regular Board of Control meeting after the 40-day petition deadline has expired.
5. All affected schools and conferences will be notified of the hearing date, time and location. The Board shall reserve the right to establish time limits on appearances by each school or conference. Testimony may be in written or verbal form. The Board of Control can accept or reject the initial action. Final Board of Control action will be taken no later than the regular meeting in the month following the hearing.

| Board of Control | Advance to Annual Meeting | Support |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | <u>11-0</u> | <u>11-0</u> |
| <u>X</u> Support adoption | All | Yes 403 |
| <u> </u> Don't support adoption | | 9 |
| <u> </u> No position | | No |

WIAA ANNUAL MEETING – APRIL 22, 2015

Treasurer's Report – WIAA Athletic Administration

Pam Foegen, Treasurer – Board of Control

Results

The official statement of the financial condition of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2014 is reported in the 2013-14 edition of the WIAA Yearbook. It was certified as being correct by the audit firm of Grant Thornton.

Listed below is the Statement of Activities of the WIAA General Account for the last three years with statements of operations.

| | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Revenue | | | |
| Membership dues | \$ 416,100 | \$ 419,800 | \$ 420,775 |
| Tournaments | 6,689,207 | 6,873,490 | 7,208,135 |
| Registration of officials | 345,584 | 330,832 | 488,252 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>340,006</u> | <u>364,710</u> | <u>535,417</u> |
| Total revenue | 7,790,897 | 7,988,832 | 8,652,579 |
| Operating expense | | | |
| Tournaments | 4,450,591 | 4,391,571 | 4,748,029 |
| Administrative and general | 2,756,985 | 2,578,785 | 2,800,164 |
| Special services | | | |
| Committees and rule helpers | 25,441 | 23,771 | 28,696 |
| Clinics and conferences | 23,931 | 31,169 | 30,163 |
| Rule books | 202,676 | 180,290 | 191,347 |
| Audio visual | 649 | 500 | 550 |
| Depreciation of property and equipment | 67,139 | 87,720 | 90,894 |
| Publications printing | <u>36,492</u> | <u>30,786</u> | <u>28,103</u> |
| Total operating expense | <u>7,563,905</u> | <u>7,324,592</u> | <u>7,917,946</u> |
| Increase in unrestricted net assets from operations | 226,992 | 664,240 | 734,633 |
| Other revenue (expense) | | | |
| Investment gain (loss) net of related expenses | (13,783) | 110,931 | 87,858 |
| Gain on sale of property and equipment | — | — | 2,700 |
| Miscellaneous | <u>8,695</u> | <u>941</u> | <u>1,677</u> |
| Total other revenues (losses) | <u>(5,088)</u> | <u>111,872</u> | <u>92,235</u> |
| Increase in unrestricted net assets | 221,904 | 776,112 | 826,868 |
| Unrestricted net assets at beginning of year | <u>2,818,878</u> | <u>3,040,782</u> | <u>3,816,894</u> |
| Unrestricted net assets at end of year | <u>\$ 3,040,782</u> | <u>\$ 3,816,894</u> | <u>\$ 4,643,762</u> |

2014-15 Projections

At the present time our budget outlook for the 2014-15 school year is:

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Income budgeted | 8,384,725 |
| Income projected | 8,500,000 |
| Projected amount of income over (under) budgeted figure | 115,275 |
| Operating expense budgeted | 8,384,725 |
| Operating expense projected | 8,150,000 |
| Amount of expense over (under) budget | 234,725 |
| | Net 350,000 |

These figures are based on as yet incomplete winter tournament financials and spring tournaments meeting budgeted figures.

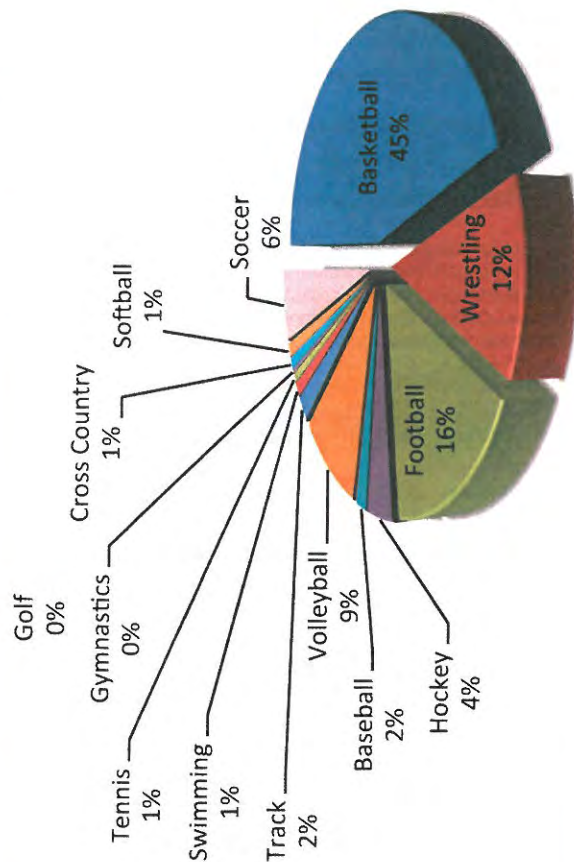
The budget approved for the 2014-15 fiscal year was based on an expectation of balanced receipts and expenditures. During the current fiscal year, fall tournaments provided favorable net results by \$109,103 as a result of better-than-projected attendance at several key fall tournaments and expenses that were less than projected. Winter tournament financials are incomplete. Individual wrestling and boys basketball in particular, enjoyed better attendance than last year. Attendance for the balance of winter events was comparable to last year. Increased expense associated with the Boys Basketball 100th Anniversary was planned for.

The realities that spring will reveal are as yet unknown, however to this point there have been enough parallels between this year and last that some anticipation of positive outcomes for the year are not unrealistic.

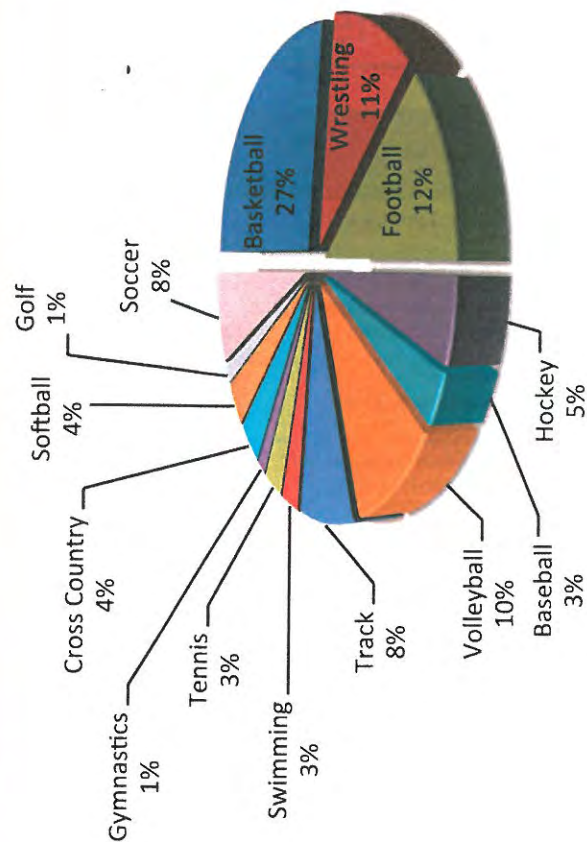
2015-16 Outlook

With consideration being given to temporarily suspending member dues and fees and no ticket price increase or other new revenue initiatives - the coming year's budget will again be largely shaped by projected tournament gate receipts. Each year roughly 86% of the WIAA's budget is driven by this primary revenue source. As an organization we will continue to be heavily reliant on weather and match-ups. The WIAA will continue to seek new revenue streams through partnerships and relationships with businesses that are a good fit with the philosophy and aims of our Association. All available indicators will again be applied to the development of the 2015-16 budget, along with on-going internal cost containment measures. Subsequently, a reasonable budget projection for 2015-16 would at this time likely be somewhat less robust than recent years.

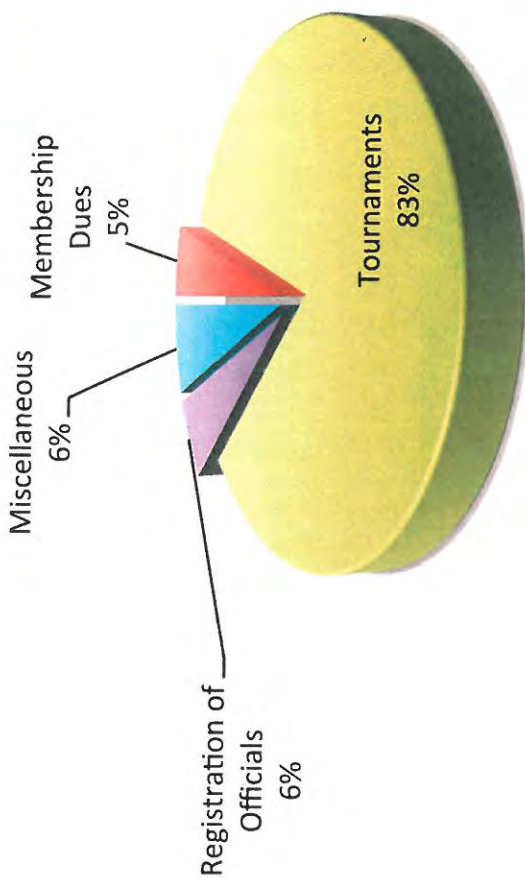
2013-14 Tournament Revenue



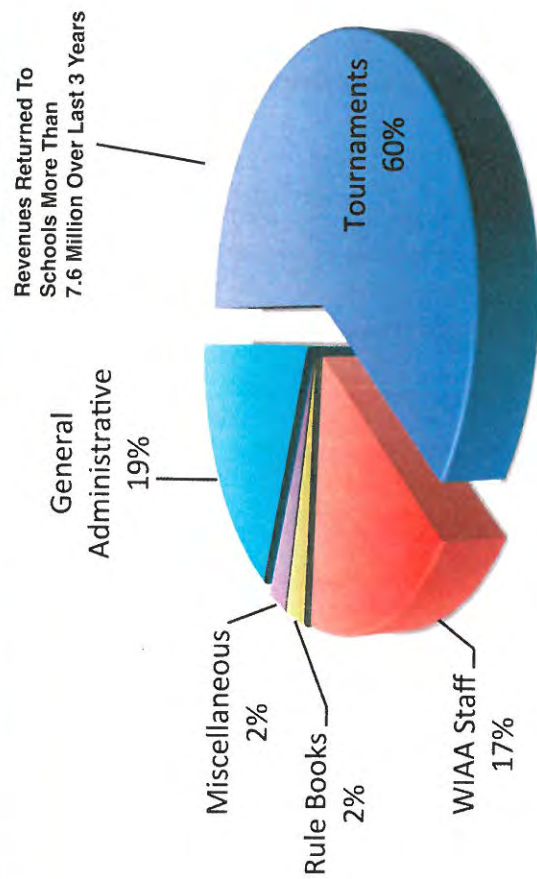
2013-14 Tournament Expense



2013-14 Operating Revenue



2013-14 Operating Expense



Tournaments

TOURNAMENT REVENUE, EXPENSE AND EXCESS (DEFICIT)

| | 2013-2014 | | | 2012-2013 | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | Revenue | Expense | Excess (deficit) | Revenue | Expense | Excess (deficit) |
| Basketball..... | \$3,208,605 | 1,275,720 | \$1,932,885 | \$3,166,412 | 1,202,610 | 1,963,802 |
| Wrestling..... | 877,759 | 519,139 | 358,620 | 827,257 | 488,061 | 339,196 |
| Football..... | 1,166,242 | 588,357 | 577,885 | 1,097,698 | 623,273 | 474,425 |
| Hockey..... | 275,055 | 250,761 | 24,294 | 277,746 | 235,716 | 42,030 |
| Baseball..... | 118,644 | 168,360 | (49,716) | 109,101 | 148,955 | (39,854) |
| Volleyball..... | 671,343 | 484,729 | 186,614 | 614,345 | 445,737 | 168,608 |
| Track..... | 149,127 | 371,423 | (222,296) | 166,270 | 318,606 | (152,336) |
| Swimming..... | 82,798 | 122,627 | (39,829) | 69,798 | 100,471 | (30,673) |
| Tennis..... | 55,218 | 134,633 | (79,415) | 51,739 | 118,054 | (66,315) |
| Gymnastics..... | 27,422 | 62,728 | (35,306) | 25,622 | 56,183 | (30,561) |
| Cross Country..... | 67,251 | 172,815 | (105,564) | 60,830 | 153,987 | (93,157) |
| Softball..... | 78,337 | 169,460 | (91,123) | 54,315 | 141,323 | (87,008) |
| Golf..... | — | 68,377 | (68,377) | — | 56,349 | (56,349) |
| Soccer..... | 430,334 | 358,900 | 71,434 | 352,357 | 302,246 | 50,111 |
| | <u>\$7,208,135</u> | <u>\$4,748,029</u> | <u>\$2,460,106</u> | <u>\$6,873,490</u> | <u>\$4,391,571</u> | <u>\$2,481,919</u> |

2015 AREA MEETINGS

9 A.M.

Tuesday, September 8 – Mount Horeb High School
 Wednesday, September 9 – Oconomowoc High School
 Thursday, September 10 – Antigo High School

Monday, September 14 – Greenfield High School
 Tuesday, September 15 – Mauston High School

Tuesday, September 22 – Rice Lake High School
 Wednesday, September 23 – Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton

2015-16 SCHEDULE & SITE LIST

| FALL STATE TOURNAMENT | DATE | SITE |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Girls Golf | October 12-13 | University Ridge – Madison |
| Girls Individual Tennis | October 15-16-17 | UW-Madison – Nielsen Stadium – Madison |
| Girls Team Tennis | October 23-24 | UW-Madison – Nielsen Stadium – Madison |
| Cross Country | October 31 | Ridges Country Club – Wisconsin Rapids |
| Boys Soccer | November 5-6-7 | Time Warner Cable Stadium at Uihlein Soccer Park – Milwaukee |
| Girls Volleyball | November 5-6-7 | Resch Center – Green Bay |
| Boys Volleyball | November 13-14 | Wisconsin Lutheran College – Milwaukee |
| Girls Swimming & Diving | November 13-14 | UW-Madison – Natatorium – Madison |
| Football | November 19-20 | UW-Madison – Camp Randall Stadium – Madison |
| WINTER STATE TOURNAMENT | DATE | SITE |
| Boys Swimming & Diving | February 19-20 | UW-Madison – Natatorium – Madison |
| Individual Wrestling | February 25-26-27 | UW-Madison – Kohl Center – Madison |
| Boys Hockey | March 3-4-5 | Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center – Madison |
| Girls Hockey | March 4-5 | Veterans Memorial Coliseum at the Alliant Energy Center – Madison |
| Girls Gymnastics | March 4-5 | Lincoln High School – Wisconsin Rapids |
| Team Wrestling | March 4-5 | UW-Madison – Field House – Madison |
| Girls Basketball | March 10-11-12 | Resch Center – Green Bay |
| Boys Basketball | March 17-18-19 | UW-Madison – Kohl Center – Madison |
| SPRING STATE TOURNAMENT | DATE | SITE |
| Boys Individual Tennis | June 2-3-4 | UW-Madison – Nielsen Stadium – Madison |
| Track & Field | June 3-4 | UW-La Crosse – Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex – La Crosse |
| Boys Golf | June 6-7 | University Ridge – Madison |
| Softball | June 9-10-11 | UW-Madison – Goodman Diamond – Madison |
| Boys Team Tennis | June 10-11 | UW-Madison – Nielsen Stadium – Madison |
| Spring Baseball | June 14-15-16 | Neuroscience Group Field at Fox Cities Stadium – Grand Chute |
| Girls Soccer | June 16-17-18 | Time Warner Cable Stadium at Uihlein Soccer Park – Milwaukee |
| Summer Baseball | July 22 | Concordia University – Kapco Park – Mequon |