

Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 28, 2021, 5:30pm

Call to Order at 5:37pm
Roll Call

x	Erin Ennis	President	absent	Brendon O'Shea	Badgerland
	VACANT	Vice President	x	Ernie Stevens	Bay Valley
x	Becky Unterriker	Secretary	x	Nate Lutterman	Big Badger
x	Carla Miller	Treasurer	x	Jack Fleming	Classic 8
excused	Randy Kohn	Officials Director	absent	Robin Buckley	MAYLA
x	Tom Truttschel	Girls Director			
x	Eric Marsh	Boys Director			
x	Dave Diehl	Coaches Director			
x	Tracey Kaczik	Comm & Marketing Director			
x	Paul Espinosa	Events Director			

Guests: Lou Corsetti (USA Lacrosse), Jason Warnick (Head of School, Wayland Academy), Josh Blumenthal (AD, Wayland Academy)

- New Business:** Introduction of Wayland Academy. The Head of School and Athletic Director from Wayland Academy introduced themselves. They will be working to start a lacrosse program in Beaver Dam this year. Will be holding a clinic in Beaver Dam for 1st-8th graders on October 2 at 10:00am. Email jblumenthal@wayland.org to sign up.
- Approval of Minutes (Unterriker).** Motion to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting on 06/19/2021 as presented (Espinosa). Second (Diehl). Approved 5-0.
- Financial Report (Miller) – Attachment 1.** The Board discussed the finances of the State and Invitational Championships. The event will operate at a loss this year largely due to a last-minute decision to use a single, neutral site venue for all 4 championship games. Events Director cited issues such as lack of adequate volunteer support from the host club, late submissions for programs, issues with t-shirts for volunteers and lack of clarity about space for sponsors' tents. Some of these issues resulted in unexpected late/rush fees for programs and t-shirts. Due to the financial loss on the event and the issues with the Host Club, the Events Director would like permission to negotiate the revenue share with the Board of Directors of the Host Club. Motion to allow the Events Director to negotiate a revenue share with the Host Club (Espinosa). Second (Diehl). Approved 7-0. Note from USA Lacrosse that there may be funding available next year to help with this event.
- Directors' and Conference Reports**
 - Officials (Kohn):** Working on 3 boys/girls officials/umpires training days for new officials/umpires and trainers. Sessions will be in Valley, Madison, and Milwaukee areas on 3 different weekends.
 - Girls (Truttschel)** – no report
 - Boys (Marsh)** – no report
 - Coaches (Diehl)** – no report

- e. **Communications & Marketing (Kaczik)** – no report
 - f. **Events (Espinosa):** Will have Tournament Procedures section of Rules and Regulations document ready for a vote at the August meeting.
 - g. **Bay Valley (Stevens)** – There will be new BVLA officers at the August board meeting. Green Bay Southwest is hoping to restart their High School Boys team this year.
 - h. **Classic 8 (Fleming)** – no report
 - i. **Big Badger (Lutterman)**
 - i. DeForest and Westside are in need of a Head Coach
 - ii. DeForest and Stoughton may not be able to field their own teams next season. Eastside may have a JV only team.
 - iii. Board will establish a working committee at the August meeting to discuss ways to help struggling programs with short-term and long-term solutions.
 - j. **Badgerland (O'Shea)** – no report
 - k. **MAYLA (Buckley)** – no report
5. **Old Business**
- a. **WIAA Sanctioning (Fleming)**
 - i. Have been working with Stephanie Hauser, the new Executive Director for the WIAA.
 - ii. The WIAA is interested in expanding opportunities. The Classic 8 Conference ADs have expressed support for WIAA regulation of lacrosse. Attachment 2.
 - iii. The WIAA will use the fall area meetings to gauge the level of interest in adding lacrosse. Next steps will be determined based upon the level of interest expressed during those meetings. All meetings are at 9:00am.
 - 1. September 13 – Fox Valley Lutheran
 - 2. September 14 – Greenfield
 - 3. September 15 – Mauston
 - 4. September 20 – Oconomowoc
 - 5. September 21 – Rice Lake
 - 6. September 22 – Antigo
 - 7. September 27 – Mt Horeb
 - iv. WLF will prepare a Fact Sheet of pro's/con's for what WIAA regulation means for lacrosse.
 - b. **Try Lacrosse Clinics & Growing the Game (Unterriker)**
 - i. Grant Opportunities
 - 1. Individual programs can submit a proposal for a USA Lacrosse grant on the USA Lacrosse website. Deadline is not published on the website but Corsetti thought it was mid-August. [TryLax™ Clinics | US Lacrosse \(usalacrosse.com\)](#)
 - 2. WLF can apply for a USA Lacrosse grant if WLF sponsors some Try Lacrosse Events.
 - 3. WLF will research the Wisconsin JEM grant program. [Joint Effort Marketing \(JEM\) Grant Program | Travel Wisconsin](#)
 - ii. Consider implementing Flex6 lacrosse for the youngest ages.
 - iii. WLF will focus efforts on the 3 existing areas (Valley, Madison, Milwaukee) where we see weakness and host an event. Unterriker will initiate an email thread to identify dates, locations, coach volunteers, admin volunteers, etc.
 - c. **Elections and Transition Document (Espinosa):** In order to bring the WLF into compliance with the USA Lacrosse chapter bylaws, the board reviewed an addendum to

the bylaws and a declaration for elections. See Attachment 3. The addendum and declaration must first be approved by the WLF Board and then by USA Lacrosse. Motion to accept the addendum and declaration as modified (Ennis). Second (Unterriker). Approved 6-0.

- d. **Rules and Regulations (Unterriker):** Attachment 4. Board reviewed the Player Eligibility section of the new Rules and Regulations document. Motion to adopt the Player Eligibility rules as drafted (Espinosa). Second (Truttschel). Approved 6-0.
- e. **Request from Oregon Lacrosse Club (Board):** The WIAA Board of Control reviewed and acted on additional accommodations for transfer students in response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic at its June meeting. Many students experienced challenges with access and adapting to virtual schooling in 2020-21 following school closures because of COVID-19. The Board voted unanimously to provide one-time unrestricted eligibility in 2021-22 for student transfers that choose to return to their most recent previous school or after 365 days if they remain at the school they transferred to in 2020-21 because of a better-suited instructional model. Motion to adopt the WIAA's one-time exception to unrestricted eligibility as stated (Espinosa). Second (Diehl). Approved 6-0.

6. **Other**

- a. USA Lacrosse has hired a new Midwest Region Director, Matt Burke.

Adjourn at 8:30pm. Motion to adjourn (Espinosa). Second (Truttschel). Approved 6-0.

Next Meeting: August 25, 5:30pm, Zoom

Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation
2021 YTD Actual

	06/01/2021 to 07/27/2021	2021 Actual 01/01/2021 to 07/27/2021	2021 Budget (Draft)
Beginning Balance January 1		<u>\$ 53,689.17</u>	<u>\$ 53,689.17</u>
Income			
US Lacrosse	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Club Fees	<u>\$ 2,775.00</u>	<u>\$ 13,045.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,292.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 2,775.00	\$ 13,045.00	\$ 14,292.00
Costs			
Arbiter	\$ -	\$ (1,440.30)	\$ (1,315.00)
Bank Service Fees	\$ (17.10)	\$ (32.10)	
Brian Salgado Website Articles	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Request Funding (Clubs/Teams)		\$ (6,623.13)	\$ (3,750.00)
Grant Request Funding (WILOA)			
Meeting Expense	\$ (220.00)	\$ (220.00)	
Positive Coaching	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,650.00)
USL CEP 1 Coaches/USL Fees			
Travel and Misc	\$ (171.38)	\$ (171.38)	\$ -
Website (Domain/Hosting/Backup)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (300.00)</u>
Total Costs	\$ (408.48)	\$ (8,486.91)	\$ (8,015.00)
Subtotal Revenue Less Costs	<u>\$ 2,366.52</u>	<u>\$ 4,558.09</u>	<u>\$ 6,277.00</u>
Playoff Summary			
Income			
Cash Gate	\$ 12,201.00	\$ 12,201.00	\$ 7,500.00
Sponsors	<u>\$ 7,815.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,815.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Playoff Income	\$ 20,016.00	\$ 20,016.00	\$ 7,500.00
Costs			
Boys Officials	\$ (2,840.00)	\$ (2,840.00)	\$ (1,676.00)
Girls Officials	\$ (1,675.00)	\$ (1,675.00)	\$ (1,505.00)
Field Rental Verona & Greenheck	\$ (4,762.00)	\$ (4,762.00)	\$ (3,000.00)
Awards, Plaques, Recognition	\$ (5,607.65)	\$ (5,607.65)	\$ (3,500.00)
Banners/Programs	\$ (5,456.01)	\$ (5,456.01)	
Food, Volunteer Shirts, Misc	\$ (1,339.85)	\$ (1,339.85)	\$ (750.00)
Trainer	\$ (440.92)	\$ (440.92)	
Streaming	\$ (2,475.00)	\$ (2,475.00)	
Host Club			
Total Playoff Costs	\$ (24,596.43)	\$ (24,596.43)	\$ (10,431.00)
Subtotal Playoff Revenue Less Costs	<u>\$ (4,580.43)</u>	<u>\$ (4,580.43)</u>	<u>\$ (2,931.00)</u>
Net Income (Loss) Change in Cash	<u>\$ (2,213.91)</u>	<u>\$ (22.34)</u>	<u>\$ 3,346.00</u>
Ending Cash Balance 07/27/2021		<u>\$ 53,666.83</u>	



July 12, 2021

Ms. Stephanie Hauser
Executive Director
Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association
5516 Vern Holmes Drive
Stevens Point, WI 55482

RE: Lacrosse

Dear Stephanie:

Thank you for taking the time to discuss the process that needs to be followed to explore the possibility of having lacrosse become a recognized and regulated sport by the WIAA.

We understand that this issue has been come before the WIAA before without meeting the necessary commitment of schools in the membership of the WIAA. In discussions with the Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation and the various lacrosse conferences in the state we feel that there is now the commitment to move forward with the support necessary to meet the requirements set forth to be recognized and regulated by the WIAA.

You stated you thought the first step to move this forward was to include this as an agenda item during the upcoming WIAA Area Meetings this fall. Please allow this letter to express the desire of the schools in the Classic 8 Conference to have this request move forward for consideration of the WIAA.

Attached please find a list of the schools in the Classic 8 Lacrosse Conference.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jack Fleming', written over a horizontal line.

Jack Fleming
Commissioner
Classic 8 Conference

2021 Classic 8 Conference

Girls Programs

Arrowhead
Brookfield Central
Brookfield East
Cedarburg
Dominican
DSHA
Franklin
Homestead
Kenosha Tremper
Kettle Moraine
Mukwonago
Muskego
Nicolet
Oconomowoc
Shorewood
Sussex Hamilton
University School
Waukesha North
Waukesha West
Wauwatosa East
Wauwatosa West
West Bend East
West Bend West
Whitefish Bay

Boys Programs

Arrowhead
Brookfield Central
Brookfield East
Catholic Memorial
Cedarburg
Dominican
Elkhorn
Franklin
Homestead
Kenosha Tremper
Kettle Moraine
Marquette
Mukwonago
Nicolet
Oak Creek
Oconomowoc
Pewaukee
Shorewood
Sussex Hamilton
University School
Waukesha
Wauwatosa East
Wauwatosa West
West Bend East
West Bend East
West Bend West
West Bend West
Whitefish Bay

WLF Bylaws Addendum A 2021 Transition Document

Article I. Purpose

To outline the transition between the previous WLF bylaws and the chapter bylaws mandated by USA Lacrosse. The process outlined includes selection of the Board of Directors, elections, the structure of the Executive Committee, and terms of directors and officers.

Article II. Timetable

This addendum is enforced upon final vote of the WLF board as of July 28, 2021, and written approval from USA Lacrosse. This addendum is automatically dropped from the WLF Chapter Bylaws on August 31, 2025.

Article III. Critical Transition Factor

The USA Lacrosse chapter bylaws state that a nominating committee comprised of current WLF Board Members nominates individuals for election. Candidates are nominated as individuals and not nominated or elected to specific positions on the board. Once the new board year starts, the newly elected and current members of the board are then placed or elected to roles & officers of the Board.

- All board members are elected to 3-year terms from September 1st to August 31st.
- Executive Committee members (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) are elected by the full board for 2-year terms.

Article IV. WLF Current Board and Term End Date

President	Erin Ennis	08/31/2021
Vice President	VACANT	
Treasurer	Carla Miller	08/31/2023
Secretary	Becky Unterriker	08/31/2021
Coaches Director	Dave Diehl	08/31/2023
Boys Director	Eric Marsh	08/31/2022
Girls Director	Tom Truttschel	08/31/2021
Officials Director	Randy Kohn	08/31/2021
Communications Directors	Tracy Kaczik	08/31/2023
Events Director	Paul Espinosa	08/31/2021

In addition, 5 conferences/leagues, representing the three primary lacrosse areas in Wisconsin, have one non-voting representative. Those conferences/leagues are:

Valley Area

- Bay Valley – High School Girls & Boys, Youth Girls & Boys

Milwaukee Area

- Classic 8 – High School Girls & Boys
- MAYLA - Youth Boys & Girls

Madison Area

- Big Badger – High School Girls, Youth Boys & Girls
- Badgerland – High School Boys

Article V. Transition Plan

- The following board members serve in their current role until 8-31-23
 - Carla Miller
 - Dave Diehl
 - Tracy Kaczik
- The following board members serve in their current role until 8-31-22
 - Eric Marsh
- The following board members serve in their current role until 9-31-21
 - Erin Ennis
 - Becky Unterriker
 - Tom Truttschel
 - Paul Espinosa
 - Randy Kohn
- Board members Miller, Diehl, Marsh, Kohn will serve as the Nominating Committee.
- Timeline of process:
 - July 28, 2021 - Approval of Transition Plan by WLF board
 - September 1, 2021- Approval of addendum by USA Lacrosse
 - September 7, 2021 - Communication & mass distribution of call for interested individuals to serve on the WLF Board - 6 open positions
 - September 12, 2021 – Deadline for interested candidates to submit a resume to Carla Miller.
 - September 13, 2021 - Nominating Committee meets and drafts a slate of nominations to present to WLF Board.
 - September 29, 2021 - Board of Directors Meeting - Election of 6 new board members. 2 Positions with term end date of 08/31/22 and 4 positions with term end date of 08/31/24.
 - October 1, 2021 – New board term begins and Board meeting of new board.
 - Meeting to be led by Carla Miller as highest remaining Executive Committee member.

- Election of President, Vice President and Secretary for 2-year terms from the new Board of Directors.
- Accept Conflict of Interest Policy
- 06/01/22 – 08/31/22 – Nomination process for 3 board positions with terms running from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2025
- 06/01/23 – 08/31/23 - Nomination process for 3 board positions with terms running from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2026

Resolution

2021-2022 Board Composition

By resolution of the WLF Board, the 2021-2022 WLF board shall consist of 10 elected positions with full voting privileges. The 10 positions should be comprised of 4 current board members whose term expires in 2022 or 2023 and 6 newly elected positions taking office on 10/01/2021 with the term of 4 positions expiring 08/31/24 and 2 positions expiring on 08/31/22.

Additionally, there shall be voting board members who are designated representatives of WLF approved conferences/leagues.

Currently approved conferences/leagues are:

- Bay Valley Lacrosse Association
- Milwaukee Area Youth Lacrosse Association
- Classic 8 Conference
- Big Badger Conference
- Badgerland Conference

These league representative members of the board shall not be counted or considered for purposes of a quorum of the full board.

These representatives shall only be granted voting rights on matters before the WLF which directly impact the conferences/leagues that they represent.

Voting rights for these league representatives shall be based on the scale below

- 1 Vote - 1 to 10 teams in the league/conference
- 2 votes - 11 to 16 teams in the league/conference
- 3 votes - 17 or more teams in the league/conference

In all instances, eligibility to vote is based on the gender-specific team count within each program/club on the matter before the board. For example, if the Board is voting on a matter that impacts High School Girls, the number of registered High School Girls teams within each program/club conference/league shall determine the conference/league representative's ability to vote and the weight of that vote.

The number of teams in a program/club shall be determined based upon the number of registered/paid team registrations from the prior season.

This addendum was unanimously approved by the WLF Board of Directors at a regular meeting of the Board on 07/28/2021.

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

For the purposes of this document, “program” refers to any High School program recognized by the Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation (WLF) and “team” refers to all teams of such a recognized program.

Article I – General

Section 1 – USA Lacrosse Membership

All players and coaches on a team must have a USA Lacrosse membership valid through the last day of the WLF State Tournament.

Section 2 – Program and League Administration

- A. The responsibility of educating and guiding players in the rules of eligibility governing programs recognized by this Federation shall rest primarily with the administration of each program and secondarily with the administration of each league/conference.
- B. The administration of the program shall be responsible for the eligibility of all its athletes, and it is the duty and responsibility of one program to immediately call to the attention of another program and/or the Federation Officers information or evidence pertaining to violations of Federation rules.

Section 3 – Program’s own Standards

- A. The rules of player eligibility shall not be interpreted to prevent any program or any league/conference from establishing more stringent regulations, but no program or league/conference may set up standards for competition for any of its recognized teams, varsity or otherwise, which are less stringent than the minimums herein presented.

Section 4 – Who may Participate

- A. A program may use on its team(s) only registered students, whether virtual or in person, in Grades 9 – 12 at the school(s) affiliated with the program.

Note 1: No eligibility will be granted for a player whose residence within a school’s attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether connected with the member program or not.

- B. A program may use on its team(s) students residing within the district boundary affiliated with the program who are bona fide home-based private education students as defined by state law on the same basis and to the same extent as all other full-time students at the school affiliated with the program or schools affiliated with the co-op program.
- C. A program may use on its team(s) players who are students at a school with no lacrosse program if both the program allows it and the school(s) affiliated with the program allow it. The accepting program must be the closest program to the student.

Section 5 – Who may not Participate

- A. A program may not allow its players in Grades 9 – 12 to compete against another program’s players in Grade 8 and/or below.

Section 6 – Penalties for Violations of any, and all, Eligibility Requirements

- A. The penalty for participation by an ineligible player, according to a program's own rules or WLF rules, either during the WLF regular season or in WLF tournament activity is as follows:

Note: Violations of the individual participation limitations, as indicated in the season regulations, are also treated under provisions indicated herein.

- 1) The program must –
 - a. Forfeit all contests involved.
 - b. Adjust its place in league/conference standings and/or relinquish its place in tournament standings.
 - c. Return team and individual awards.
- 2) Tournaments – Team most recently defeated, upon discovery of violation, replaces offending team for remainder of tournament series.

Note: When a team withdraws from a tournament for any reason other than a violation, the scheduled opponent will receive a forfeit.

- 3) A violation, resulting from a player or parent/guardian falsifying records and/or providing misleading information to a program, will cause that player to be ineligible for one calendar year from date of last game in which the player participated.

Section 6 – Program Appeal of Forfeiture Ruling

- A. Except for the WLF Tournament Series, appeals of forfeiture based on an ineligible player's contribution to victory may be heard by the Board of Directors. There will be a presumption by the Board that the ineligible player's participation did impact on the competition. It will be the responsibility of the program to satisfy to a clear and convincing standard that the player did not contribute in any way to the victory. There will be a presumption that the contest(s) would not have been won without the player's participation. The Board of Directors will set the criteria to be considered in the appeals hearing. The opposing program(s) will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Section 7 – Coach must be Present

- A. No team shall represent their program at any time in connection with competition, unless accompanied by a coach or another appointed member of the program staff.
- 1) It is recommended that a female member of the staff accompany any girls team coached by a male and a male member of the staff accompany any boys team coached by a female.
 - 2) A game shall be forfeit or a team disqualified from further participation in a contest if, after a game official has ejected a coach for any reason, there is no other coach or staff member of that program to supervise the program.

Section 8 – Court Injunction/Restraining Order

- A. If a team declared disqualified or a player declared ineligible is permitted to participate in competition, because of a court restraining order and/or injunction against the program or WLF, and if such restraining order and/or injunction subsequently is voluntarily vacated, stayed, reversed, or fully determined by the courts not to justify injunctive relief, one of more of the

penalties outlined in Article 1, Section 5-A-1) and 2) may be taken in the interest of restitution and fairness to other programs.

Article II – Residence and Transfer

Section 1 – Determining Residence for Public School Students

- A. A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity competition only with the program affiliated with the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:
- 1) Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition, and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. (Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in Section 3 of this article.)
 - 2) The residence of a student's guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
 - 3) In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9. For the purposes of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine "beginning of school year." Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Directors in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in Sections 3 and/or 5 of this Article.
 - 4) A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. The Board of Directors may waive the requirements of this Section, upon request, for documented reasons of extenuating circumstances.
 - 5) Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, a student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This Section extends opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in Section 3 of this Article.
 - 6) A student who has been in attendance in a school district for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that school district upon entering Grade 9.
 - 7) Duly enrolled full-time students in special state and county supported schools and in public and non-public member residential schools as defined in Article III of the WLF Constitution are not bound by the residence requirements.

- 8) Students placed in foster homes, group homes, etc. by area social services agencies are considered the same as students residing with parents.
 - 9) A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
 - 10) Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, the School District shall determine school assignment of a student in a district which maintains (a) more than one school of the same grades or (b) a special school designed by the School District.
- B. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined in Section 1-A above shall be eligible for non-varsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided in Section 5 of this Article.

Section 2 – Determining Residence for Nonpublic School Students

- A. A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:
- 1) In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9. For the purposes of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine "beginning of school year." Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in Section 5 of this Article.
 - 2) Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
 - 3) A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
 - 4) A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e., grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
 - 5) Students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence, except in transfer situations occurring mid-year or after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9.

Note: Section 2-A.-1) above.

- B. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined in Section 2-A above shall be eligible for non-varsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in Section 5 of this Article.

Section 3 – Transfers

- A. A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility. For the purposes of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine “beginning of school year.” These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:
- 1) A player who transfers from any school affiliated with a program into a school affiliated with a different program after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student’s first day of attendance at the new school.
 - 2) Students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
 - 3) Students entering 11th grade are restricted to non-varsity for one calendar year.
 - 4) Students entering 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year but may practice.
 - 5) 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to non-varsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
 - 6) 10th or 11th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to non-varsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
 - 7) A student who transfers into a program without ever participating in a try-out, practice, scrimmage, or contest on a team sponsored by a school or a club while attending classes at any school in grades 9-12 is unrestricted.
 - 8) In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9, the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year but may practice.
 - 9) District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WLF transfer rules in situations involving post-sixth semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school) but may practice.
 - 10) Unless transfer, including an accompanying total and complete change of parent’s residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
 - 11) If within the first six consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for non-varsity opportunities only for the balance of one calendar year. In situations involving

transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year but may practice.

- 12) A student may not have eligibility in more than one program at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Directors to provide evidence of a total and complete move.
- 13) A student who transfers from any school, whether or not affiliated with a recognized program, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.

Note: A student who transfers due to expulsion or removal for disciplinary reason from the previous school is ineligible for the length of the expulsion as determined by the previous school's Board of Education.

- 14) No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with a recognized program.

Section 4 – Foreign Exchange Students

- A. This provision applies to students participating in foreign exchange programs. Foreign students attending a member school, but not participating in an exchange program, may receive consideration under Section 5, waivers and/or non-varsity eligibility in accordance with Section 1B and 2B of this Article.

- 1) The residence requirement may be waived for one year, upon request, for students involved in foreign exchange programs that have received a 'Full' listing status by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). For students who are "directly placed" through an exchange program, students who are placed through an exchange program not affiliated with CSIET, or students who will not be in attendance for at least one complete semester from start to finish, eligibility will be limited to non-varsity competition.

Note 1: The foreign exchange program must assign students to host families by a method that ensures that no student, school, or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. The foreign exchange student may not be selected or placed on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or abilities. Direct placement refers to a pre-existing relationship with a family, school and/or community which affects the student's placement.

Note 2: All foreign students must have a physical conducted in the United States prior to participating in practice or competition.

- 2) Foreign exchange students who transfer after attending one day of school and/or one athletic practice are ineligible for varsity competition at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions described in Section 5 of this Article.

- 3) Foreign students attending and residing at member residential schools are exempt from the residence requirements. Note: Transfer provisions apply identically to all students, both foreign and domestic.

Section 5 – Waivers

- A. The residence and transfer requirement may be waived according to the following provisions:
 - 1) After a student has not participated and/or has been restricted to non-varsity competition for one calendar year because parents do not live within that school's attendance boundaries, he/she becomes automatically eligible under this Section regardless of parent's residence and for as long as enrollment is continuous (uninterrupted) in that school.
 - 2) The residence and transfer requirement may be waived, if requested in advance, by a member school on behalf of one of its students and upon presentation of documentation detailing extenuating circumstances. Such documentation must include communications from parents, (b) person(s) with whom student is living within requesting school's attendance boundaries and (c) school officials within whose attendance boundaries parents reside. Depending upon the nature of extenuating circumstances, eligibility may be limited to non-varsity competition except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9.
 - 3) In cases associated with Section 1, A, (2) and (4), Section 2, A, (1) and Section 3, A, (1) of this Article, first-time 9th grade students will be permitted one transfer upon appropriate petition to the Board of Control if the student has attended no more than three days of practice and/or has attended no more than three days of school.

Note: Extenuating circumstance is defined as unforeseeable, unavoidable, and uncorrectable act, condition or event which result in severe burden and/or involuntary change, that mitigates the rule.

Article III – Age Requirement

Section 1 – Senior High

- A. A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.
 - 1) The Board of Directors may provide relief from the age requirement due to extenuating circumstances.
 - 2) Under no circumstances may a student begin a sport season once the student has reached his/her 20th birthday.

Section 2 – Verification

- A. A birth or baptismal record or court verdict will establish the age of a student.

Article IV - Amateur Status

Section 1 – Loss of Eligibility

- A. A student shall be an amateur in lacrosse in order to compete, and he/she shall become ineligible for all further participation in any member program for violation of any of the amateur

status provisions. The penalty may be reduced upon request of a member program based on documented extenuating circumstances, when accompanied by evidence of complete restitution made by the athlete (when applicable).

B. A student shall be determined to be in violation if he/she:

- 1) Accepts, receives and/or directs to another, reimbursement, or award in any form of (a) salary, (b) cash, or (c) share of game or season proceeds for achievement in athletics.
 - a. Actual and necessary reimbursement for transportation, food, lodging, and entry fees paid in connection with playing a contest shall not be regarded as a violation.
 - b. A student may receive:
 - (1) a medal, cup, trophy, or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost;
 - (2) from schools, mementos not to exceed \$200 in total fair market value. Non-school organizations desiring to make contributions toward the purchase of a championship ring/memento must make those contributions to the school;
 - (3) any other award for participation in an athletic contest, or for athletic honors or recognition, which does not exceed \$100 in fair market value;
 - (4) and retain items of apparel which are worn by non-school athletic competition as a part of a team uniform provided for and worn by the student during competition. (See Bylaws, Article XI – Awards)
 - c. A school may allow a student to retain items of practice and playing uniforms which, for reasons of hygiene, obsolescence, deterioration, etc., will not be passed on to another student.
- 2) Signs a contract or agreement for services as a participating athlete.
 - a. A student may be employed (but not self-employed) on a part-time basis as an instructor on the playgrounds, game official, lifeguard, e.g.
 - b. This rule shall not prevent a student from signing (a) an agreement which binds him/her to play only for a particular team or (b) an athletic tender with a university or college.
- 3) Receives compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential, and/or performance as an athlete.
- 4) Receives free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction, and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.
- 5) Is identified as an athlete, provides endorsement as an athlete, or appears as an athlete, in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan or service.

Note: When an athlete has been identified with or without permission and/or awareness resulting in a violation of this rule, the penalty may be reduced once the violation has been rectified.

- 6) Plays in any contest (school or non-school) under a name other than his/her own name.

Article V – Attendance and Scholarship

Section 1 – Senior High

A. A student is eligible for competition at a recognized program if he/she is:

- 1) Carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time student at 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 at a nonpublic member school as a full-time Grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 student in that member school.

- 3) A 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 becomes 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.

- 6) A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, etc.
- 7) A freshman student who has not completed all work below Grade 9 may be eligible only if he/she is meeting the academic standard in Grade 9 classes in addition to Grade 8 make-up courses.
- 8) A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- 9) A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.
- 10) A Grade 9 student attending a school of students in Grade 9 or under is eligible only at the senior high school which he/she will be attending the following year.

Section 2 – Academic Eligibility

- A. A student must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent (school issued) grade-reporting period.

A senior who has acquired all necessary credits toward graduation is not exempt from this rule.

- 1) A student who becomes academically ineligible may regain eligibility on the 16th scheduled school day by meeting the academic standard, following a period of 15 scheduled school days and nights of ineligibility.
- 2) A student regains eligibility immediately if incompletes are made up within two weeks after a grade-reporting period.
- 3) A student may erase ineligibility status related to the last grade-reporting period of the school year through summer school courses (including correspondence courses) at the same or some other school, provided:
 - a. The student successfully completes not less than the same number of courses which caused ineligibility.
- 4) A student who is ineligible for a minimum of 15 scheduled school days, under the provisions of this Section, may not return to competition until the school day following the 15-day ineligibility period.
- 5) A student who is enrolled in some courses in a university/college or technical college or some similar institution:
 - a. Must receive high school credit which meets the academic standard or have a notation made on his/her high school transcript that he/she successfully met the equivalent of the academic standard between the two schools involved.

Note: A student who has been assigned to a technical college by the school district is exempt from the provision requiring physical attendance at least one course each day, provided such a student continues being carried on the attendance rolls for purposes of state aids.

- 6) A student who is enrolled in any state-approved EEN program and receives no usual grades for such courses may be eligible if he/she is making satisfactory progress in his/her total school program as indicated by his/her IEP.
- 7) The ineligibility status described in the introduction to this Section (A) will be adjusted as follows for students in fall sports in which the date of earliest allowed competition is before the first day students are in class:
 - a. Fall Sports – The minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
- 8) A school because of computer printout of grades being delayed may use a prearranged date other than the last day of a grade-reporting period to determine eligibility, provided (a) all other provisions of this Section (A) are followed and (b) the procedure developed is the same for all students, all grade-reporting periods, and all sports.

A student ineligible by a school's academic standards more stringent than those herein stated is ineligible as indicated in this Section, unless the school has adopted some other ineligibility provision.

Article VI – Non-school Participation

Section 1 – In-Season

- A. It is the philosophy of this Federation that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the team of which he/she is a member during the spring lacrosse season. Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school competitions with school approval during the regular season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Non-school competition will not be allowed during the WLF tournament series. A student becomes ineligible for the remainder of the season for not receiving school approval beforehand and/or competing in more than two non-school games, meets, or contests in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. The penalty may be reduced, with the forfeiture of the two non-school opportunities, upon request of a school based on 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) Non-school games, meets, or contests shall be interpreted to include (a) all games, meets, or contests outside the control of the school and (b) any games, meets, or contests within a school (other than official interscholastic athletic program) involving another school or a non-school organization.
- 2) A student who was a member of a school team in a given sport during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice

in order to continue non-school training or competition provided the delay does not extend beyond the first interscholastic meet.

- 3) A student who is cut from the squad, during the regular season (not including WLF tournaments) for reasons of skill, is exempt from this rule if there is an opportunity to rejoin the team later in the same regular season. A student suspended from the team, for the remainder of the season for reasons of discipline or academic problems, is exempt from this rule. A student suspended from the team for a portion of the season is not exempt from this rule.

B. National Teams and Olympic Development Programs for Team Athletes

- 1) During the school year, students who participate for their school in a sport may participate through training, tryout, or competition on a National Team or in a United States Olympic Development Program provided the student receives an individual invitation from either the United States National Governing Body (NGB) on the national level for that sport or from the United States Olympic Committee:

- a. **National Team Definition:** A national team is a team selected by the National Governing Body (NGB) of the sport on a national qualification basis either through a defined selective process or actual tryouts for the purpose of international competition which requires the entries to officially represent the respective nations, although it is not necessary there be team scoring by nation. Participation by high school students on bona fide national teams that represent the United States may be permitted.

- b. **Olympic Development Program Definition:** An Olympic Development Program (ODP) is defined as a training program or competition that is conducted or sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee, or directly funded and conducted by the United States Olympic committee member National Governing Body (NGB) on the national level, or specifically authorized by a national governing body involving only athletes previously identified by the NGB as having potential for future participation at the regional national, or international competition in that sport.

- c. **Special Olympic Definition:** Special Olympics provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

- d. Waivers may be provided:

- (1) The national team or development program meets the above definition.
- (2) The student makes application to the high school principal or designee.
- (3) The member school requests a waiver.

Section 2 – Out-of-Season

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual WLF season. Subsequently, players may voluntarily assemble at any time without member program and/or member program coach involvement.
- B. After the last day of the WLF State Tournament until the 1st Day of the WLF season, players of a member program may voluntarily assemble with their teammates and coaches for purposes of instruction and/or competition as follows:

- 1) One day per week (Sunday – Saturday) from the last day of the WLF State Tournament until the 1st day of the WLF season.
 - 2) Eight (8) days in addition to those outlined in Section 2-B-1, which do not have to be consecutive, from the last day of the WLF State Tournament through December 31st.
- C. Other than during the actual WLF season and those days designated as unrestricted coach contact days, the following provisions shall apply to non-school participation in accordance with Section 2A above:
- 1) An acceptable non-school program or activity is one which is not limited to students based on a school affiliation and no school monies or resources can be applied.
 - 2) The person who will be coaching a student in the following school season shall not be permitted to coach that student other than during the designated school season and Board of Directors approved coach contact days. Approved out-of-season coach contact is as follows:
 - a. Unrestricted School Coaching Contact - Coaches have been afforded up to one day per week of unrestricted school coaching contact between the end of the WLF State Tournament and the 1st day of the WLF season, in addition to 8 extra days from the last day of the WLF State Tournament through December 31st.
 - b. Unlimited Non-school Coaching Contact – Coaches have been afforded unlimited non-recognized program coaching contact beyond the unrestricted school coaching contact days that is permitted to continue from the last day of the WLF State Tournament until the 1st day of the WLF season.
 - c. Coaches are allowed to recreate along with students in member program sponsored open gyms which are purely recreational in nature.
 - d. Coaches are allowed to use some or all of their athletes, as clinicians, when conducting a clinic for youngsters who have just completed 8th grade on down. This may be done for a maximum of six days, during the summer (when school is not in session) and must conclude no later than August 31.
 - e. A member program is permitted to supervise conditioning programs under the open gym provisions, which may include weight-lifting, speed, agility, fitness. The program must be limited to non-sport and non-sport-skill-specific instruction. Basic 'instruction' e.g., safe lifting, safe spotting, training regimen and rationale, are permitted. No sport implements and/or sport specific movement/drills should be part of the open weight room. These conditioning programs must be made known and accessible to all interested students and must be voluntary.
 - 3) With approval of its governing body, a school may issue its own equipment, uniforms, and other apparel for use by athletes in training or non-school competition in the summertime, at its own discretion.

Note: For school protective equipment, uniforms and other apparel, summertime shall be from the Friday before Memorial Day to the first day of school. Reminder: Coaching contact is not allowed prior to the last day of school. (See Bylaws, Article III – School Equipment)

- 4) It is not permissible for any person or organization, except the student or parents, to pay for any of the cost or fee of any kind of non-school activity involving specialized training or similar instruction. Students must pay 100 percent of any expenses, including

transportation, to any non-school (out-of-season) camps, clinics, or specialized training. Schools are reminded that free and/or reduced rate opportunities afforded to select individuals can impact on amateur status.

Note: This provision shall not prevent a school from covering the costs of team participation in a clinic or similar activity during the season of a sport and/or unrestricted out-of-season contact days.

- 5) A student must discontinue out-of-season participation in non-school competition prior to the first day of the member program's official opening day of practice in the same sport.

Note: See exception in Section 1-A-2) of this Article.

Section 3 – All-Star Activities

- A. It is the philosophy of this Federation that all-star games and similar activity do not serve the best interests of high school students, because of overemphasis, exploitation, selection procedure, and/or other factors.
- B. A student becomes ineligible in a sport for a maximum of one year from date of last offense for participating in an all-star game or similar activity.
 - 1) An all-star team consists of students chosen on the basis of individual accomplishment or reputation from two or more existing or recently-existing teams. An all-star game is one played between two teams, either of which consists of selected students of two or more existing or recently-existing teams.
 - 2) Activities within the confines of each member school do not come under the limitations of the all-star rule.
 - 3) Activities during the summertime within the confines of an established league or program, such as an interdivisional contest or a team picked to represent a given league in additional competition, are exempt from this rule.
 - 4) A senior who violates this rule forfeits all remaining high school eligibility in the same specific sport as the all-star event.
 - 5) International competition or cultural exchange programs, which are in conflict with this rule, may be approved by the Board of Directors.

Article VII – Health and Behavior/Compliance

Section 1 – Required Documentation

- A. A student may not practice for or participate on a WLF-recognized team until the member program has written evidence on file attesting to:
 - 1) Parental permission each school year including an acknowledgement of receiving the program's athletic code,
 - 2) Acknowledgement of receiving the WLF Rules of Eligibility,
 - 3) Athletic Emergency Form
 - 4) Current physical fitness to participate in sports.

Section 2 – Physical Examination

- A. A pre-participation physical fitness form attesting to current physical fitness to participate in sports as determined by a licensed physician, Physician's Assistant (PA) or Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP) no less than every other school year with April 1 the earliest date of examination. School policy determines when an athlete may return to competition following an injury, except where rule book or WLF tournament policies apply.
- B. Physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years; physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and following school year.

Note: It is recommended that a student also have dental fitness attested by a licensed dentist.

Section 3 – Code of Conduct

1. A member program shall have a code of conduct for its athletes, and it is strongly recommended that the code (a) designate the period of time involved in a suspension in advance of the school year and (b) be developed with the involvement of students, coaches, and administration and adopted by the Board of Education or recognized governing body.
2. The WLF is against the use of anabolic-androgenic steroids and other performance enhancing substances (PES). Member schools shall devote time each year to positive programs which highlight prevention and education of the risks, benefits and adverse effects of PES. Coaches, teachers, sports medicine staff and school administrators who ignore or encourage the use of PES, provide and/or sell PES to athletes (including indirect distribution through a third party) shall be subject to their own school's provisions regarding discipline.
3. A student is required to follow the school's code of conduct on a year-round (12 month) basis.
 - 1) In-season violations of the school code will result in immediate suspension of the student from interscholastic competition for no less than one day of competition (but not less than one complete game or meet) for acts involving (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and/or (c) use, possession, buying, or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).

Note 1: When the suspension results in a fraction of a game, the number shall be rounded up to the next whole number of games (i.e. 2.1 or 2.8 games equals 3 games).

Note 2: This is a minimum penalty and may not be reduced by any other provision of the school code.

Note 3: Any portion of the suspension not completed during the current season will carry over to the next sport or sport season.

Note 4: Victims of sexual assault and bystanders who report a sexual assault, request emergency assistance, cooperate with and assist law enforcement, and stay on the scene or who encounter law enforcement at a medical facility at which the victim is being treated cannot be issued a code of conduct violation. The victim or bystanders must meet the State Amnesty Law Requirements. The victim may not falsely claim amnesty knowing that the situation that he or she reports does not exist.

- 2) The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including all out-of-season offenses.
- 3) The member school will determine minimum penalties for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principles, and standards of the school and this Association, including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- 4) Any student charged and/or convicted of a felony shall, upon the filing of felony charges, become ineligible for all further participation until the student has paid his/her debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).

Note: Except for conduct violations under paragraph (4) felony charges, the school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to any penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.

- 5) The minimum penalty for acts outlined above in Section 3-C (1 through 3) which results in a student being suspended for any portion of WIAA tournament competitions, is immediate disqualification of the student for the remainder of the total tournament series in that sport.
- 6) Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, may not participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament.

Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

- 7) A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons and/or as a result of another State Association regulation or sanction retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.

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

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

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 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.