

13 AIDGER

CONFERENCE

JUNIOR HIGH

SCHOOL

INTERSCHOLASTIC POLICIES

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I. Interscholastic Program

A. Statement & Philosophy

The desirability of Junior High School interscholastic athletics depends largely upon how they are organized and conducted. The school administrator has the responsibility to guide the program so that educational soundness is assured. Primary emphasis should be upon the opportunities afforded for good physical and emotional development rather than upon winning.

Interscholastic athletics are but one phase of the over-all physical education program. Prime emphasis should be placed in the physical education instructional program and a well-rounded program of intramural athletics. The interscholastic athletics should be an outgrowth of these two. This relationship should be kept clearly in focus so that the entertainment features do not take precedence over the educational purposes.

Following the policies and rules of this manual will help give assurance that the physically superior boy is given a chance to further refine his skills and abilities - but will not monopolize facilities and school personnel at the expense of their boys and girls.

Coaches and principals have an obligation to insist that the athletic program be conducted solely with the interests of participants in mind and that the program not be made into a farm or feeder system for high school athletic teams.

B. Administration of the program.

1. Junior High Schools, as referred to in these statements of policy, are those schools in which seventh, eighth, and/or ninth grade students are administered as a separate unit.
2. The control of the entire Junior High School intramural and interscholastic athletic programs shall be the responsibility of the principal who administers the academic program within the approval of the Superintendent.
3. The intramural athletic program in the Junior High School will constitute the primary emphasis and all athletic personnel employed will strive to refine this program to an increasing degree of excellence.
4. Interscholastic athletics should be recognized on a limited basis.
5. The Badger Conference accepts the rules of the WIAA and agrees to follow the rules as stated in WIAA for Junior High School participation with the following recommendations: that the rules be reviewed annually by a committee of the Junior High School Principals of the Badger Conference to insure an agreement between member principals.

6. Five committees shall function in areas of conference sponsored interscholastic activity and be responsible for reporting to the conference administrators at the request of the Executive Secretary - Treasurer: 1. Athletic Schedule Co-ordinators, 2. Music Directors, 3. Speech Activity Directors, 4. Girls Sports Activity Directors, 5. Student Council Advisors. The chairman of the athletic co-ordinators, speech activities committee, and the music activities committee is to be a delegate from the conference President's school. In the event the President's school is not a participant in an area conference activity of the chairmanship of that area shall be assumed by a designate from the school next in line for the Presidency that sponsors that activity.

II Directory of Conference Personnel

The names and phone numbers of athletic schedule coordinators, the other coaches, and other personnel in charge of school activities shall be given to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Principals Association at their first meeting each fall. He, in turn, shall compile and make this information available to each school.

III Coordinating Athletic Activities - Coaches Meeting

Three meetings will be scheduled for the purpose of coordinating athletic activities in the conference.

A fall and a spring meeting is to be held in the evening. These meetings will be attended by one voting delegate from each school. This delegate shall be appointed by the principal. The delegate shall receive mileage for the meeting.

The fall meeting is designed to orient and acquaint all schools with the plans for the school year and to resolve any existing schedule conflicts or athletic problems.

The third meeting will be a combined spring dinner meeting of coaches and principals to effect coordination, communications, and approval of recommendations of delegates to the fall and spring meetings. The principal shall decide upon which coaches shall attend this meeting.

The following guidelines have been established for the coaches of the junior high schools of the Badger Conference:

- A. Officers (Director and Secretary). The secretary is to be appointed by the director from his school so as to effect the greatest efficiency.
- B. Coaches are to elect the director at the combined spring meeting.
- C. Voting is to be done on the basis of one vote per school.

- D. The Director may call a special meeting upon the approval of the junior high school principals of the conference. Such meetings will be held in the evening and the voting delegate will receive mileage.
- E. Membership in this group will be restricted to the coaches of the seventh and eighth grade athletics. The combined spring dinner meeting, however, may be attended by the coaches of the ninth grade activities at the discretion of each principal where ninth grade is a part of the junior high school.
- F. The district will allow \$4.00 per person to help cover costs of attending the combined spring meeting of coaches and principals.

IV Scheduling

- A. Each school shall have an appointed athletic coordinator. Only the coordinator shall be allowed to make schedule changes. It will be the responsibility of the home team to call the visiting team by 2:00 P.M. of the game day, should weather indicate travel to be hazardous. This does not preclude the visiting team calling to notify the home team of bad weather, etc.
- B. Coaches are asked to call the home team if delayed bus departure is imminent, or if the bus is delayed enroute. Such call is deemed as a courtesy call.

V Time of Events

Junior high school athletic contests are to begin by 4:15 P.M. It is strongly suggested that these contests end at 6:30. If the events cannot be finished by 6:30, they should simply be terminated by the coaches at that time.

VI Spectators and Cheerleaders

It has been agreed among the conference junior high school principals that member schools do not encourage seventh, eighth and ninth grade spectator student participation, including cheer leaders, at out of town athletic events and that no bus transportation be provided for them.

VII Ninth Grade Sports Program

The Junior High School Principals as a group strongly recommends that the conference athletic programs be organized so that ninth graders will be competing only against other ninth graders in sports activities wherever possible. It is agreed that if a sport is offered at the ninth grade level the ninth grader should participate at that level.

VIII Host School's Responsibilities

The host school shall be responsible for providing facilities for changing, towels, soap, and showers for the visiting athletic team.

IX Policies and Rules for Competition

A. Basketball - Seventh and Eighth Grade

1. The program shall be governed by WIAA regulations for grades 7 & 8.
2. Games will begin by 4:15 p.m. and be finished by 6:30 p.m.
3. It is recommended that all conference schools follow a ten game basketball schedule.
4. The basketball schedules will follow the order of the high school varsity football schedule - but with a reverse travel schedule.
5. Game routine will follow this pattern:
 - a. All seventh grade games will consist of five minute quarters and eighth grade teams will play 6 minute quarters.
 - b. There will be a maximum of ten minutes between games.
 - c. An adult will be in control of the score book and clock.
 - d. Two WIAA officials will be hired to officiate the games.
 - e. A "Fifth" quarter will be played in connection with both seventh and eighth grade games. This "fifth" quarter will be played accordingly:
 - (1) This quarter will consist of eight minutes.
 - (2) The clock is to be stopped for violations and fouls.
 - (3) The eighth grade coach will supervise the fifth quarter of the seventh grade.
 - (4) The seventh grade coach will supervise the fifth quarter of the eighth grade.
 - (5) The quarter will be played during halftime of each game.
 - (6) Score of the fifth quarter will have no effect on the game scores.
 - (7) One of the two qualified game officials will help officiate each fifth quarter.

B. Football

Interscholastic Tackle football at the 7th & 8th grade level is not allowed in the Badger Conference.

C. Track and Field Rules and Procedures - Seventh & Eighth Grades

1. The program will be governed by WIAA rules.
2. Contesters will begin by 4:15 p.m. and be finished by 6:30 p.m.
3. To facilitate a fast moving meet only two boys from each school should be permitted to compete in each event if the meet involves more than 2 schools.
4. A boy may compete in three events only, two running and one field, or two field and one running including the relays, unless otherwise agreed upon by the coaches.
5. Meets will be only open to boys in 7th and 8th grades.
6. Each event will consist of three attempts. The best of three will determine the winner.
7. Scoring will be 5-3-2-1.
8. The boys are to report to the starting line immediately when a running event is called. A boy involved in a field event, must tell the clerk of that event that they will report back when the running event is over. All boys are to be instructed in this procedure by their coaches before each meet.
9. Coaches making scratches at the meet are to send the replacement to the starting line and the changes will be made. Remember the eligibility rule on the number of events in which a boy may participate.
10. All boys who are participating must stay in the field area.
11. Contestants should dress at the home school if possible. Locker room facilities should be available when necessary.

D. Wrestling - Seventh and Eighth Grade.

1. The program will be governed by WIAA rules.
2. Wrestling schedules will follow the order of the high school varsity football schedule.
3. All matches will begin by 4:15 p.m. and be finished by 6:30.
4. The number of matches to be held will be determined by each school. However, this number will not exceed the WIAA recommendation of eight (8).

5. All boys will be weighed in prior to their match at the host school. Pairing of wrestlers will be made at the host school by mutual agreement of the coaches at weigh-in.
6. According to Coaches agreement a list of weights and seeded abilities will be sent one (1) week in advance to the coaches of the schools participating.
7. Weight classes. We will follow the recommendations by the WIAA. However, deletions and substitutions of weight classes will be made at the discretion of coaches. Preferably some lower weight classes should be added with some upper weight classes eliminated.
8. Two teams (A and B) will be established to accomodate as many boys as possible. It is hoped that two mats can be used in order to keep the time factor at a minimum.
9. A bout will consist of one and half (1½) minute rounds. There will be three (3) rounds with the time keepers announcing the time at regular intervals.
10. Scoring during wrestling matches will be permitted -- this will include a running score and a final score.
11. Twenty (2) seconds will be allowed between rounds for coaching.
12. Individual points will be kept.
13. Team scores will be kept.
14. Spectators will be welcome.
15. Each school must use WIAA certified officials.

F. Girl's Sports

Play days and other organized interscholastic activities for girls are strongly encouraged in the conference. It is recommended that there be a sectional playday for schools in the conference held each spring. Schools attending will be rotated each year. The school hosting the playday will also be rotated each year. Play days are to be held on a school day.

Administrative planning for playdays are to be initiated by the Girls Athletics Advisor from the school of the current President of the Junior High School Principals Association each year.