

The WIAA and its Small Schools' Opportunities

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**WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**

The WIAA



- Started by school administrations in 1905, the WIAA orchestrates the wishes of over 800 member public and private schools from grades 6-12.
- The WIAA Representative Assembly is a 53-member body that votes the rules and regulations into place for athletics and activities.
- A 13-member WIAA Executive Board determines dates, sites and formats for state events and is responsible for the annual budget and acts as the final appeal body.



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WIAA Processes



PROPOSERS

- A sponsoring school must have at least four other schools sign and support the proposed amendment on the appropriate form. **The initiating school's superintendent must sign the form before the process can begin.**
- The proposed amendment must then be presented to the league for review and then to the WIAA Activity District Board for review.
- A WIAA Standing Committee or Special Committee.
- The WIAA Executive Board.
- The Washington State School Directors Association.
- The proposed amendment is to be submitted to the WIAA Executive Director with the amendment form signed by the chairperson of the sponsoring committee or by the president of the WIAA Executive Board. **All proposed amendments must be received in the WIAA state office by the 2nd Friday in January.**

Classifications



4A: 1252.4 +

3A: 990.9 – 1252.3

2A: 472 – 990.8

1A: 225 – 471.9

2B: 90 – 224.9

1B: 26 – 89.9



Combined-Cooperative Programs



4.7.0 COMBINED PROGRAMS

DEFINITION - Students from more than one WIAA member school competing as one team.

- A. Schools that combine in all WIAA-sponsored sports and/or all activities shall be considered as one (1) school and are not required to follow the combined program approval process.
- B. The process of approval requires the following steps:
 - 1. Verification of each school's enrollment by the WIAA office, and
 - 2. Approval of each school board of school(s) involved, and
 - 3. Approval of the league(s) involved, and
 - 4. Approval of the WIAA District(s) involved, and

Combined-Cooperative Programs



4.7.0 COMBINED PROGRAMS (*CONTINUED*)

5. Appropriate Action of the WIAA Executive Director.

- a. Any combination for team or individual sports or activities between a 1B, 2B, 1A and/or a 2A school will be permitted provided all steps above have been completed.
- b. A combination between any 1B, 2B, 1A, or 2A school with either a 3A or 4A school must be approved at least through the levels described above in steps 2,3, and 4, and then by the WIAA Executive Director.
- c. Any configuration of classifications of member schools may combine for individual sports for regular season play and coop for post season play. This option is not available for team sports.
- d. Combined programs will not be allowed for team sports or activities for 3A and 4A schools (whether 3A with 3A, 3A with 4A, or 4A with 4A.)

Combined-Cooperative Programs



4.7.0 COMBINED PROGRAMS (*CONTINUED*)

5. Appropriate Action of the WIAA Executive Director. (*CONTINUED*)
 - e. Combined programs will not be allowed for individual sports for post-season play for 3A or 4A schools (whether 3A with 3A, 3A with 4A, or 4A with 4A.)
 - f. No competition will be allowed until the WIAA Executive Director has taken the appropriate action.
 - g. The WIAA Executive Board will review each action taken by the Executive Director.
 - h. Program approval shall coincide with the two (2)-year classification/allocation cycle.

Combined-Cooperative Programs



4.7.0 COMBINED PROGRAMS (*CONTINUED*)

- C. The combined teams' classification is determined by combining the enrollments of the schools.
 - 1. The total 9-11 grade enrollment of the schools involved will determine the classification for that sport.
 - 2. The name used for the team must indicate the schools involved, unless all schools involved mutually agree otherwise. If the team qualifies for the postseason, the team name shall include all schools involved in the combined program.
- D. Either school district may terminate the program(s) providing written notification is given.
- E. The WIAA Office must be notified annually on the status of each program via the WIAA membership form.

Combined-Cooperative Programs



4.7.0 COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

DEFINITION - Students from more than one WIAA member school sharing resources, but competing as representatives of their home school in individual sports/activities.

- A. The WIAA Executive Director is authorized to coordinate all requests for cooperative programs, contingent upon written confirmation of approval from both school districts, league (s), and WIAA District(s).
- B. Following the determination of classifications, approval for the cooperative program will be for the next two (2) year classification period.

Combined-Cooperative Programs



4.7.0 COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS *(CONTINUED)*

- C. Either school district may terminate the program(s) providing notification is given prior to January 1 of the year preceding the termination of the program(s).
- D. The WIAA Office must be notified annually on the status of each program via the WIAA membership form.
- E. Wrestling - An outing involving a cooperative wrestling program will equal one (1) team date (also refer to the wrestling player/match limitation.)
- F. Individuals score separately for their representative school.

Combined-Cooperative Programs



Total Cooperative Programs:
51

Total Combined Programs:
42



Rules/Regulations: Concurrent Participation



18.21.1

The exception shall be for students participating in '1B' or '2B' high schools with local administrators and school board determining eligible participation in more than one (1) interscholastic sport per season at that high school.



Rules/Regulations: Salvaging Teams



18.19.3 PARTICIPATION WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

Pending league approval, a 1B or 2B high school may use eighth grade students from a WIAA member feeder middle school/junior high to salvage only viable varsity or junior varsity high school teams in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and/or volleyball.

- A. The school must have a history of offering the sport at that level, and is not beginning a program at any level.
- B. Eighth graders could be used to salvage the high school varsity team if at any time during the season the number of participants on the high school team is at or below these specified numbers.

Baseball: 16

Soccer: 12

Basketball: 9

Softball: 16

Football, 8-man: 14

Volleyball: 11

Football, 11-man: 19

Rules/Regulations: Salvaging Teams



18.19.3 PARTICIPATION WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

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

Baseball: 25

Soccer: 19

Basketball: 16

Softball: 25

Football, 8-man: 22

Volleyball: 17

Football, 11-man: 30

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

Rules/Regulations: Salvaging Teams



18.19.3 PARTICIPATION WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM *(CONTINUED)*

- E. Any eighth graders moved up to salvage a junior varsity team are eligible to play only on the junior varsity team.
- F. Combining contests in both the middle level and high school level, an eighth grader may participate in up to the maximum number of high school contests. Also refer to the specific sport sections in this WIAA handbook to verify daily, weekly or season limitations.

Rules/Regulations: Sports



25.1.11

The 1B State Football Championships will be played in conjunction with other football championships at the selected championship site.



Rules/Regulations: Post Season



25.2.8 FOR DISTRICTS WITH ONLY ONE (1) ALLOCATION

If a District has only one (1) allocation in the first and/or second year of the allocation period, that District would be allowed to petition to the WIAA Executive Board for the opportunity to combine with another District to gain an additional allocation provided the minimum number of schools in the District offer the program in question. The number of schools that drive an allocation, plus one, will be the number needed to provide the opportunity for a second individual or team from a district to qualify for postseason play. The deadline for the appeal shall be two (2) weeks after the allocations have been finalized.

Rules/Regulations: Post Season



25.2.8 FOR DISTRICTS WITH ONLY ONE (1) ALLOCATION *(CONTINUED)*

- 25.2.8.1 The WIAA District geographically closest to the District with one (1) allocation would be considered first in the possible combination of District allocations.
- 25.2.8.2 The combination agreement would specify that the District involved would have the potential to gain or to lose the allocation.
- 25.2.8.3 The WIAA District with more than one (1) allocation may choose to “protect” its number one (1) team, and/or additional allocations as applicable, and offer only the lowest allocation in a playoff with the District appealing for an additional allocation.

Rules/Regulations: Post Season



25.2.10 INDEPENDENT TEAM'S ACCESS TO POSTSEASON COMPETITION

If a WIAA member school's team(s) chooses not to become a member(s) of a league, that member school's team(s) may play an independent schedule. The placement of that team(s) for postseason play will be determined by the WIAA Executive Board, unless such access is provided by a league or district.

Rules/Regulations: Post Season



25.2.10 INDEPENDENT TEAM'S ACCESS TO POSTSEASON COMPETITION (*CONTINUED*)

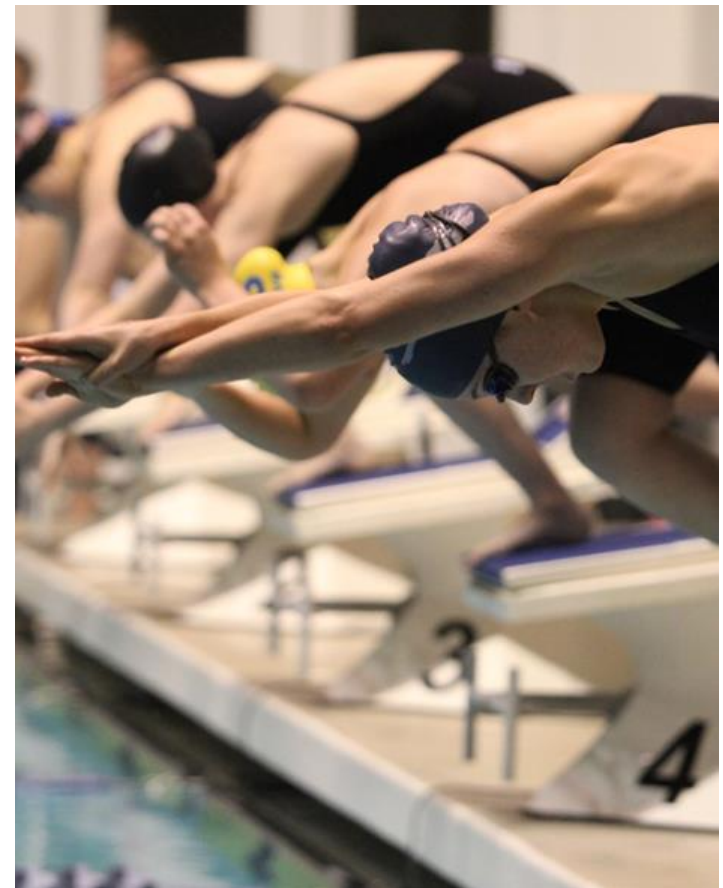
Should the WIAA Executive Board be required to place an independent team in postseason competition, consideration would be given to that team's record against varsity competition of schools of the same classification – or of a higher classification. Each team's schedule(s) must be submitted to the affected leagues, WIAA Districts and WIAA office.

In order to qualify for postseason play, a team's record against such competition must be equal to or better than the team receiving the lower(est) berth from that league/district. If this criteria is met, the independent team will be allowed to challenge for this berth through direct competition.

Rules/Regulations: State Tournament Opportunity



When the number of schools that offers a sport in a classification does not meet a 30% threshold, it is combined with another classification to provide those schools with a state tournament.



Officials' Availability



In basketball, schools are required to use three officials in order to reduce costs and create availability of officials for small schools.



Rules/Regulations: Waiver Process



Member school makes request

- A. League
- B. District
- C. WIAA Executive Director



Questions/Comments?



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