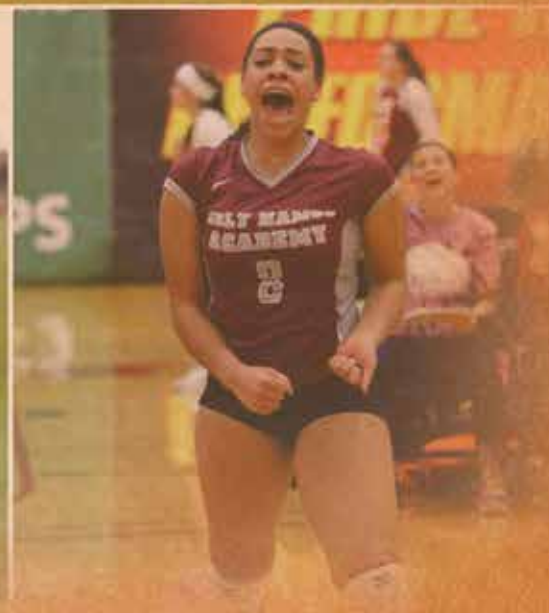


WASHINGTON INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

# HANDBOOK



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- 19.13.6 For tournaments, qualifying and/or state events any appeal will be heard by the games committee, providing the appeal was approved by the school principal/designee. A decision will be given no later than two (2) hours before the next event in which the ejected person might participate.
- 19.13.7 Providing the games committee finds misapplication or misinterpretation of a rule, the penalty may be vacated.
- 19.13.8 Failure of the school to enforce the regulation or decision will result in the disqualification from and forfeiture of all remaining contests of that event. Due process procedures of the WIAA Handbook and Rule Violations and Penalties will apply to any further action.
- 19.13.9 The severity of the penalty for the second ejection or for aggressive physical contact may be appealed to the WIAA Executive Director upon presentation of rationale and written documentation signed by the WIAA member school principal or superintendent desiring and supporting penalty modification within two (2) school business days after the conclusion of the contest in which the ejection occurred.

**19.14.0 PROTESTS OF ELIGIBILITY** - Any member school, which has reason to believe that a student is not in compliance with WIAA eligibility standards, may protest the student’s eligibility by written notification to the principal of the school that the student attends.

- A. Whenever the eligibility of a student is protested in the manner described above, a representative of the school which the student attends shall notify the student of his/her protested ineligibility and right to apply to the WIAA District Eligibility Committee as prescribed in Article 19 of the Handbook concerning his/her eligibility.
- B. In addition to the above, the District Eligibility Chairperson may appoint a Fact Finder to investigate matters pertaining to the protest. Refer to Appendix 11, Procedures for WIAA Fact-Finding.
- C. In addition to the above requirements, the District Eligibility Chairperson may, as an added condition of eligibility, require that a transferring student submit a WIAA Previous School Statement. This form must be signed by the principal of the school from which the student has transferred, indicating the principal’s approval of athletic eligibility for the transferring student. A copy of the signed form must be retained on file in the school office for the duration of the student’s attendance at that school.
- D. Unless such written protest is submitted by that member school at least seven (7) school business days before the student’s first opportunity to participate in an interscholastic contest, the student shall remain eligible during the appeal process provided for in Article 19 of this Handbook.

## **23.0.0 COACHES**

**PHILOSOPHY OF COACHES:** *Coaches are primarily responsible for imparting valuable educational experiences to student participants. Therefore, the WIAA believes that all coaches should have training in at least the essential areas of study required for a physical education teacher's endorsement in Washington secondary schools and the NFHS Coaches Education Program.*

**AFFIRMATION OF GOALS 2.2.1 AND 2.2.2 OF THE ASSOCIATION. THEREFORE:**

**23.1.0 EMPLOYEE OF THE DISTRICT** - No school team or individual contestant shall be eligible to represent a school in an athletic contest unless the coach is an employee of the school district in which he/she coaches. This requirement applies to all paid and/or volunteer coaches. Volunteers become representatives of the District, and may serve as coaches, only upon registration, approval and authorization of the school district Board of Directors.

**23.1.1** Coaching stipends and all gifts to a coach exceeding a total of \$500 in a season must be approved by the school’s board of directors.

**23.2.0 SUPERVISION** - A school appointed coach, or another appointed member of the school faculty, must accompany any school team (or individual) at any time in connection with school sponsored interscholastic competition.

**23.3.0 TRAINING** - Interscholastic coaches, paid and/or volunteer, shall have training in at least the essential areas of study required for a physical education teacher's endorsement in Washington secondary schools and the NFHS Coaches Education Program. For initial employment as a paid and/or volunteer interscholastic coach, an individual must meet the following requirements:

**23.3.1 COACHING REQUIREMENTS** - Described below are the minimum standards for a paid and/or volunteer interscholastic coach for employment, progressive employment, and continuous employment.

- A. Hold a valid current First Aid Certification or have completed a School District approved Athletic Training/Sports Medicine course equivalent to the Red Cross First Aid Card training or be enrolled in a First Aid class. A Sports Medicine course is to include prevention of injuries, recognition of injuries, emergency on-site procedures including transporting the injured, and rehabilitation of injuries. If a Sports Medicine course is used to fulfill this requirement, it must be renewed every three (3) years.
- B. Hold a valid current “hands-on” CPR Certification or be enrolled in a “hands-on” CPR Course.