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TOURNAMENT SITE PROPOSALS

The WVSSAC is soliciting written proposals from schools and cities interested in hosting state tournaments. Contact the WVSSAC office for proposal deadlines.

Sport	Present Location	Next Open Date
Baseball	Charleston	2017
Basketball (Boys & Girls)	Charleston	2017
Cheerleading	Charleston	2017
Cross Country	Ona	2016
Football	Wheeling	2016
Golf	Wheeling	2016
Soccer	Beckley	2016
Softball	Vienna	2016
Swimming	Morgantown	2017
Tennis	Charleston	2017
Track	Charleston	2020
Volleyball	Charleston	2019
Wrestling	Huntington	2017

Proposals should include:

- 4 Facility description (number of seats, public address system, locker rooms, concessions, display room for banners, hospitality, etc.,)
- 4 Lodging and restaurant facilities
- 4 Transportation
- 4 Proposed budget

Information on proposals should be directed to Executive Director Bernie Dolan at 304-485-5494.



Your WVSSAC Administrators



Bernie Dolan
Executive Director



Kelly Geddis



Ray Londeree



Greg Reed

----- Assistant Executive Directors -----

Gregory B. Reed New Assistant Executive Director



Gregory B. Reed

Mr. Gregory B. Reed was appointed to serve as Assistant Executive Director of the WVSSAC beginning in December.

Mr. Reed graduated from Nicholas County High School. He continued his education at Glenville State College majoring in Secondary Education. He received his MA in Communication Studies from WVU and his Educational Leadership degree from Salem International University.

Greg comes to the WVSSAC from Martinsburg High School where he has served as Assistant Principal/Athletic Director since 2003. From 1989 - 2003 Greg worked at Nicholas County High School. He served as Head Coach of Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Baseball and Softball. During his time at Nicholas County High School, Greg was a Physical Education and Social Studies Instructor. Greg was the Girls Head Track Coach and Assistant Football Coach at East Hardy High School during the 1988-89 school year.

Greg was born in Massillon, Ohio. He has two children, Meagan and Austin. He attends Believers Victory Center Church in Moorefield. He enjoys golf, tennis, fishing and hunting.

Mr. Reed brings a wealth of experience and professionalism to the position. He has worked with principals, athletic directors and coaches throughout the State of West Virginia and has earned the respect of his fellow administrators and coaches.

The Board of Directors and Staff of the WVSSAC would like to express our confidence and extend our congratulations to Greg Reed as he assumes the position of Assistant Executive Director.



REGIONAL BAND FESTIVALS – 2015-16

Region 1 – Hancock, Ohio, Brooke, Marshall, Wetzel, and Tyler

Location: John Marshall High School
 Date: April 26, 27, 2016
 Director: Ms. Tracey Filben, Bandmaster
 John Marshall High School
 1300 Wheeling Avenue
 Glen Dale, WV 26038
 E-mail: tfilben@k12.wv.us

Region 2 – Doddridge, Ritchie, Wood, Gilmer, Wirt, Calhoun, Roane, Jackson, Mason, and Pleasants

Location: Parkersburg South High School
 Date: April 13, 14, 2016
 Director: Ms. Cindy Smith, Retired BES Bandmaster
 Parkersburg South High School
 1511 Blizzard Drive
 Parkersburg, WV 26101
 E-mail: jazzsmith10@hotmail.com

Region 3 – Putnam, Cabell, and Wayne

Location: Cabell Midland High School
 Date: April 13, 14, 2016
 Director: Mr. Tim James, Bandmaster
 Cabell Midland High School
 2300 Route 60
 Ona, WV 25545
 E-mail:

Region 4 – Kanawha

Location: Capital High School
 Date: March 23, 24, 2016
 Director: Mr. Bob Jenks, Instrumental Music Teacher
 Capital High School
 1500 Greenbrier Street
 Charleston, WV 25311-1007
 E-mail: wjenks@mail.kana.k12.wv.us

Region 5 – Lincoln, Boone, Logan, Mingo, and Clay

Location: Chapmanville Regional High School
 Date: April 14, 2016
 Director: Brenda Hager, Bandmaster
 Chapmanville Regional High School
 200 Vance Street
 Chapmanville, WV 25508
 E-mail:

Region 6 – Wyoming, McDowell, Mercer, and Monroe

Location: Bluefield High School
 Date: April 15 (16 Snow Date), 2016
 Director: Mr. David Wilson
 Bluefield High School
 535 W Cumberland Road
 Bluefield, WV 24701
 E-mail: rdwilson@k12.wv.us

Region 7 – Fayette, Raleigh, Summers, Greenbrier, and Nicholas

Location: Woodrow Wilson High School
 Date: April 13-14, 2016
 Director: Mr. William Bailey
 Woodrow Wilson High School
 400 Stanaford Road
 Beckley, WV 25801
 E-mail: bbailey49@frontier.com

Region 8 – Tucker, Barbour, Lewis, Upshur, Randolph, Pocahontas, Webster, and Braxton

Location: Philip Barbour High School
 Date: April 8, 9, 2016
 Director: Mr. Victor Iapalucci, Bandmaster
 Philip Barbour High School
 99 Horseshoe Drive
 Philippi, WV 26416
 E-mail: wvulion@aol.com

Region 9 – Pendleton, Hardy, Grant, Mineral, Hampshire, Morgan, Berkeley, and Jefferson

Location: Musselman High School
 Date: March 22, 23, 2016
 Director: Mr. Michael Knepper, Bandmaster
 Musselman High School
 126 Excellence Way
 Inwood, WV 25428
 E-mail: mknepper@k12.wv.us

Region 10 – Preston, Monongalia, Marion, Taylor, and Harrison

Location: Bridgeport High School/Robert C Byrd High School
 Date: April 14, 15, 2016
 Director: Mr. Michael Ford
 144 Virginia Street
 Jane Lew, WV 26378
 E-mail: musicmakers07@aol.com

BAND ADJUDICATORS

Adjudicators for Regional Band Festivals can be found on the WVSSAC website.

The WVSSAC website can be found at www.wvssac.org. Click on **Band** on the right side of the page. Then click on **Adjudicators**.



2016 Baseball Program



ALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS ARE REMINDED TO READ THE DIRECTOR'S MANUAL BEFORE ANY PREPARATIONS ARE MADE FOR A TOURNAMENT. The necessary forms or reports that must be filed with the WVSSAC office and the instructions for each sport are in the Director's Manual.

The following items were discussed and recommended by the Coaches' Baseball Committee for approval by the Board of Directors:

2016 Baseball Dates		
Season Begins	Week 35	February 29
First Contest	Week 37	March 16
Sectional	Weeks 45 - 46	May 9 - 21
Regional	Week 47	May 23 - 28
State	Week 48	June 2 - 4
Middle School Dates		
Season Starts	Week 35	February 29
First Contest	Week 37	March 16
Season Ends	Week 45	May 14

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Speed-up Rule will be used as it relates to runners. This privilege will be optional to each coach.
 - 1. A courtesy runner may be used for the pitcher and/or catcher. The same runner may not be used for both positions. Neither the pitcher nor the catcher will be required to leave the game under such circumstances.
 - 2. Players who have participated in the game in any other capacity are ineligible to serve as courtesy runners. A player may not run as a courtesy runner for the pitcher or the catcher and then be used as a runner or batter for another player in that half inning.
- B. Team uniforms should conform to Rule 1-4-1-2-3-4, National Federation Baseball Rules Book. Teams purchasing new uniforms should be aware of the rule that relates to numbering and size of numbers.
- C. All varsity and junior varsity contests must use WVSSAC registered officials.
- D. Any high school player or coach who is ejected from a contest must sit out the next three scheduled contests at that level and all other contests in the interim. Middle school/9th grade ejections result in a two game suspension.
- E. Remember that it is mandatory for players to use the NOCSAE approved batting helmet and NOCSAE approved catcher's headgear. Refer to Rule 1-5-1-2-3-4-5 of the National Federation Baseball Rules Book.
- F. **The Wilson A1010 is the official baseball adopted by the WVSSAC.** It will be used in all Sectional, Regional and State Tournament play. All baseballs used during games must have the National Federation Authenticating Mark.
- G. High school varsity coaches are reminded to rate game officials and send the report to the WVSSAC office at mid-season and at the end of the season.
- H. Use of Tobacco: The use of tobacco or tobacco-like products is prohibited by officials, coaches, players, and team attendants during a contest. A player or coach detected using tobacco will be ejected and will not be allowed to re-enter. They will also sit out the next three regularly scheduled games.
- I. Points of Emphasis:
 - 1. Sportsmanship of Coaches, Players and Fans-Always remember the importance of sportsmanship to the game.

- 2. Coach's Uniform-Coaches **must** be in the same uniform as the players, however, coaches will be allowed to wear pullover or jacket in school colors. Coaches occupying coaching boxes must be in the same color jacket (if wearing a jacket).
- 3. Only coaches, players or eligible substitutes in proper uniform may occupy the coaching box.
- 4. Officials should submit a Special Report when a safety situation is discovered at a playing field.
- 5. The same baseball, type and brand name, must be used for the entire game.

J. Pregame Warm-up Procedures

The following are recommended warm-up procedures for the regular season, sectional, and regional games.

- 1. When the visiting team arrives at the game field, the home team will immediately begin its infield practice (not to exceed 15 minutes).
- 2. When the home team has completed its pregame infield practice, the visiting team will begin its infield practice (not to exceed 15 minutes).
- 3. Following the completion of pregame infield practice by both teams, the game umpires will meet at home plate with representatives from both teams (head coaches and/or captains) to discuss ground rules and present each team's starting line-up and batting order no later than 5 minutes before game time.

This specific procedure will hopefully encourage schools to be ready to "play ball" when game time arrives and to stipulate a procedure of pregame warm-up when it is obvious the game will not begin on schedule because of a late arriving visiting team or potential gamesmanship by coaches.
- 4. The pitcher is not allowed to throw warm-up pitches to the plate during infield practice.

K. Bats

Bats that are altered from the manufacturer's original design and production, or that do not meet the rule specifications, are illegal. No artificial or intentional means shall be used to control the temperature of the bat. No foreign substance may be inserted into the bat. Bats that are broken, cracked or dented or that deface the ball, i.e., tear the ball, shall be removed without penalty. A bat that continually discolors the ball may be removed from the game with no penalty at the discretion of the umpire.

II. RULES AND REGULATIONS:

A. Pitching Rule

- 1. Number of innings pitched per day:
 - 1-3 innings requires no rest, (Notes 1 & 2)
 - 4-5 innings requires 2 days of rest
 - 6-7 innings requires 3 days of rest
 - 8+ innings requires 4 days of rest.

Note a: Any pitcher pitching on consecutive days may not exceed 7 total innings.

b: Any pitcher pitching on consecutive days must have a minimum of 1 day rest. If pitching more than 3 innings on consecutive days, they must have the required rest for total innings pitched (on consecutive days).

c: A pitcher can't pitch more than 9 innings in one game.
- 2. In the event of a double header (or 2+ games in one day), a pitcher may not pitch in consecutive games unless they pitch 3 innings or less in the day's first contest. Any pitcher who pitched more than 3 innings in their first game cannot



pitch the rest of the day. The pitcher can only pitch a total of 7 innings in consecutive games on the same day. No pitcher may pitch in 3 games in one day.

3. When the ball becomes live, any substitute pitcher just entering the ball game will be credited with an inning pitched. If it is discovered after the ball becomes live that the player is ineligible to pitch, he must be removed from the game as a pitcher immediately.
4. A calendar day refers to sunrise of the following day.
5. It is the responsibility of each head coach to keep pitching information and records of appearance current and available in case the opponent or WVSSAC requests information. A violation of these provisions shall cause a game to be forfeited, head coach suspended for three (3) games, and the pitcher may not pitch the next three (3) games.

6. Middle School

- a. **Middle School pitcher may pitch only 5 innings in one calendar day.**
- b. **Number of innings pitched per day:
1 - 2 innings require 1 day of rest
3 - 5 innings requires 3 days of rest**

B. Ending a Game:

1. The ten (10) run rule will be in effect for all season games including all tournament games.
2. All tournament games will be seven (7) innings except when the ten (10) run rule is in effect. Tournament games stopped because of rain, lightning, etc., will be resumed at the point of interruption and continue for the regulation seven (7) innings. The suspended game rule may be used during regular season by mutual agreement of both coaches unless required by league rules to continue suspended games.
3. **By mutual agreement of both participating coaches prior to the start of the junior-varsity game, a J.V. game may be less than seven (7) innings.**
4. **In games involving middle school baseball teams, a single contest will be seven (7) innings. If playing a doubleheader, one game will be seven (7) innings and one will be five (5) innings. In a seven (7) inning game, the ten (10) run rule will be in effect following the fifth (5th) inning. In a five (5) inning game, a twelve (12) run rule will be in effect following the third (3rd) inning. No suspended games will be allowed should a game be terminated because of darkness or weather.**

III. TOURNAMENTS

A. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT (May 9 - 21, 2016)

1. The principal or his/her designate of the first named school in each section is asked to call a meeting of school representatives in his/her section to select a site, tournament director, officials, etc. The meeting should take place no later than Friday of Week 41 (April 15).
2. May 9, 2015 - All Sectionals may begin
3. All Sectionals must be completed by Saturday, Week 46 - May 21, 2016.
4. **All games must be played on consecutive days (weather permitting) once the tournament begins.**
5. Sectionals may be double elimination.
6. If a winner cannot be determined by Saturday May 21, 2016, the tournament winner will be determined by reverting to a

single elimination format.

7. Tournament Directors are also reminded to use only Class I and II officials and to file pre-tournament pairings, post-tournament results, and financial statements with the WVSSAC. Forms may be found in the Director's Manual.
8. The official party for reimbursement is twenty (20). However, a total of twenty-five (25) may be in the dugout. Sectional and Regional Directors are to enforce this rule.
9. The West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission will provide each Sectional and Regional winner with a championship plaque at no charge for 2016.

Class AAA (Sectionals)

Region I

- Section 1 **Wheeling Park**, Brooke
- Section 2 **Parkersburg South**, Parkersburg
- Section 3 **University**, Preston
- Section 4 **Morgantown**, John Marshall

Region II

- Section 1 **Musselman**, Washington, Jefferson
- Section 2 **Spring Mills**, Martinsburg, Hedgesville
- Section 3 **Hampshire**, Elkins
- Section 4 **Lewis County**, Buckhannon-Upshur

Region III

- Section 1 **Oak Hill**, Shady Spring, Woodrow Wilson
- Section 2 **Princeton**, Greenbrier East
- Section 3 **South Charleston**, George Washington
- Section 4 **Capital**, Ripley, Riverside

Region IV

- Section 1 **Winfield**, Point Pleasant
- Section 2 **Logan**, Nitro, St. Albans
- Section 3 **Lincoln County**, Hurricane
- Section 4 **Cabell Midland**, Huntington, Spring Valley

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Region I

- Section 1 **Weir**, Oak Glen
- Section 2 **Ravenswood**, Ritchie County, Roane County
- Section 3 **East Fairmont**, Fairmont Senior, North Marion
- Section 4 **Webster County**, Braxton County

Region II

- Section 1 **Keyser**, Frankfort
- Section 2 **Petersburg**, Berkeley Springs
- Section 3 **Grafton**, Liberty (H), Philip Barbour
- Section 4 **Bridgeport**, Lincoln, Robert C. Byrd

Region III

- Section 1 **Independence**, Liberty (R), Summers County
- Section 2 **Wyoming East**, Westside
- Section 3 **River View**, Mt. View
- Section 4 **Bluefield**, PikeView, James Monroe



Region IV

- Section 1 **Clay County**, Herbert Hoover, Nicholas County
- Section 2 **Sissonville**, Poca
- Section 3 **Scott**, Chapmanville Regional
- Section 4 **Mingo Central**, Tolsia, Wayne

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Region I

- Section 1 **Bishop Donahue**, Madonna, Wheeling Central
- Section 2 **Cameron**, Magnolia, Paden City
- Section 3 **Clay-Battelle**, Hundred, Trinity
- Section 4 **Tyler Consolidated**, St. Marys, Valley (W)

Region II

- Section 1 **South Harrison**, Notre Dame
- Section 2 **Tucker County**, Tygarts Valley, Union
- Section 3 **Pocahontas County**, Pendleton County
- Section 4 **East Hardy**, Moorefield, Paw Paw

Region III

- Section 1 **Greater Beckley Christian**, Greenbrier West, Meadow Bridge, Montcalm
- Section 2 **Fayetteville**, Midland Trail, Richwood
- Section 3 **Sherman**, Valley (F), Van
- Section 4 **Tug Valley**, Man

Region IV

- Section 1 **Doddridge County**, Parkersburg Catholic, Williamstown
- Section 2 **Wirt County**, Gilmer County
- Section 3 **Calhoun County**, Hannan, Wahama
- Section 4 **Buffalo**, Charleston Catholic, St. Joe Central

B. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT (May 23-28, 2016)

1. The Regional Director will select umpires for all regional games. Umpires are to be Class I. Directors should cooperate with participating schools for selection of umpires; however, the final decision will be made by the Regional Director.
2. The WVSSAC will provide each region with a championship plaque.
3. The Regional Director is responsible for the entire game management and filing financial reports with WVSSAC.
4. Participating schools and officials shall receive proper and adequate notice of any change in scheduling.
5. The Regional Director shall purchase six (6) Wilson A1010 baseballs per game. The expense will be charged against the tournament proceeds. Baseballs will be divided between the participating schools after the game.
6. Finances - A financial report will be prepared for each regional game. Profit or loss should be shared by the teams in each game.
Ticket Prices: Adult \$6.00, Student \$5.00
7. Changes in game sites and times - If changes occur, officials that were originally assigned must be given first consideration to work the rescheduled contest.

Regional Baseball Tournament - Dates

Recommended 6:30 start time - if no lights at field then 4:00 pm

The Baseball Coaches' Advisory Committee recommended to the Board of Directors and was adopted to play Regional semi-final and finals at home schools to ease the cost of transportation and unnecessary travel.

AAA - All Regions

- Semi-Finals - May 23, 2016
- Finals - May 25, 2016

AA - All Regions

- Semi-Final - May 24, 2016
- Finals - May 26, 2016

A - Regions 1 and 4

- Semi-Finals - May 23, 2016
- Finals - May 25, 2016

A - Regions 2 and 3

- Semi-Finals - May 24, 2016
- Finals - May 26, 2016

Regional Baseball Tournament Sites

ALL Regions Semi-Final Sections 1 vs 2 and 3 vs 4

Semi Final

- Winner of Section 1 will host winner Section 2 and be home team.
- Winner of Section 3 will host winner Section 4 and be home team.

Final

Winner of Semi-Final Section 3 vs 4 will host winner of Semi-Final Section 1 vs 2 and will be the home team.

Winner Section 3 vs 4 will be the home team.

2017 Rotate

Semi-Final

- Winner of Section 2 will host and be home team.
- Winner of Section 4 will host and be home team.

Finals

Winner of Semi-Final 1 vs 2 will host winner of Semi-Final Section 3 vs 4.

Winner Section 1 vs 2 will be the home team

C. STATE TOURNAMENT (June 2 - 4, 2016)

The State Tournament will be held at Appalachian Power Park, Charleston, West Virginia. Participating schools should refer to Reimbursement Schedule 2015-2016 for expense schedule.

Ticket Prices: Adult \$8.00 Student \$7.00 Book Tickets \$30.00

The class that plays on the first day of the tournament will rotate:

- 2015 - Class AAA
- 2016 - Class AA
- 2017 - Class A
- 2018 - Class AAA



Sponsorship and Rights: The WVSSAC is the sponsoring organization for all state tournaments. The WVSSAC reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments, the sale of any items at the tournament site, and any audio or visual reproductions of the events. Any sale, distribution or reproduction of clothing, souvenirs, pictures or other items without the expressed written consent of the WVSSAC is strictly prohibited. Pictures for media or school yearbooks are to be used for these purposes only.

(* Home Team)

1st Session

Thursday June 2 - 4:30 p.m. - AAA AA - Region 1* vs Region 2
June 2 - 30 50 min. after Game 1 - Region 3* vs Region 4

2nd Session

Friday June 3 - 10:00 a.m. - AA A - Region 1* vs Region 2
June 3 - 30 50 min. after Game 1 - Region 3* vs Region 4

3rd Session

Friday June 3 - 5:00 p.m. - A AAA - Region 1* vs Region 2
June 3 - 30 50 min. after Game 1 - Region 3* vs Region 4

4th Session

Saturday June 4 - 10:00 a.m.
AA AAA Finals - Game 1 - Home Team
45 minutes following award presentation
A AA-Finals - Game 1 - Home Team
45 minutes following award presentation
AAA A Finals - Game 1 - Home Team

Awards

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT - Team Championship (WVSSAC will provide a plaque).

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT - Team Championship (WVSSAC will provide a plaque).

STATE TOURNAMENT - Team: Championship (each class)
Runner-up (each class)
Individual: Championship - 20 (each class)
Runner-up - 20 (each class)
All Tournament - 10 (each class)

The tournament director will select a committee to choose at least one person from each participating school for the All Tournament team.

2014-2015 State Baseball Champions

AAA
Jefferson High School

AA
Bridgeport High School

A
Wahama High School

2016 Baseball Rules Clinics

Listed below are scheduled Rules Clinics for Baseball during the 2014-2015 school year.

SCHOOLS: The **Head Coach** shall be required to attend any sports rules clinics which are sponsored by this Commission in his/her coaching assignment. Schools failing to have a head coaching position filled at the time of the clinic will be required to have a school representative present at the rules clinic. An individual can only represent one school unless he/she is head coach at both schools. In a 9-12 school, both the varsity and 9th grade coach are required to attend. Middle School head coach must attend.

The clinic attendance requirement will not be granted if the coach or representative is late in excess of 10 minutes.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	COORDINATOR
Jan. 29	Charleston Cath. Ath. Comp.	1:00 p.m.	Greg Reed
Jan. 30	Interpreters' Clinic (WVSSAC)	9:00 a.m.	Greg Reed
Jan. 30	WVSSAC Office	9:00 a.m.	Greg Reed
Feb. 1	Logan H. S.	6:00 p.m.	Brian Atkinson
Feb. 2	Huntington H. S.	6:00 p.m.	Bruce Senior
Feb. 4	Wheeling Park H. S.	6:00 p.m.	Dwaine Rodgers
Feb. 6	Martinsburg H. S.	9:00 a.m.	David Walker
Feb. 6	Frankfort H. S.	12:30 p.m.	Kevin Shupe
Feb. 8	Woodrow Wilson H. S.	6:00 p.m.	Tim Carrico
Feb. 9	Capital H. S. - Charleston	6:00 p.m.	Cody Clay
Feb. 11	Robert C. Byrd H. S.	6:00 p.m.	Steve Gibson
Feb. 15	*WVSSAC Office	7:00 p.m.	Greg Reed
	*Make-up Clinic - \$10.00 Fee		

Requests for baseball rule interpretations or explanations should be directed to the state association responsible for administering and conducting the high school baseball programs in your state. The National Federation will assist in answering rules questions from state associations whenever called upon.

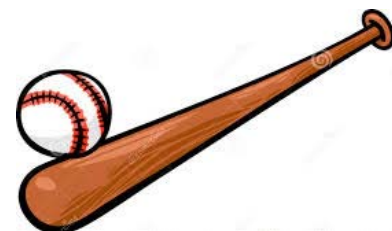
2016 MAJOR BASEBALL RULE REVISIONS

- 3-3-1 PEN Clarified the sequence of administering penalties to the members of the coaching staff and offending players.
- 3-3-1q Added additional inappropriate acts by the offender that would require an immediate ejection.

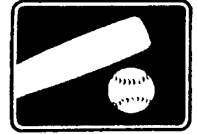
POINTS OF EMPHASIS

(For a complete discussion of these points of emphasis, see pages 66-68 of the 2016 Baseball Rules Book)

1. Intermediate penalties - restriction to the bench/dugout
2. Proper catcher's equipment
3. Sportsmanship - Celebrations around or near home plate.



2016 Girls' Softball Program



ALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS ARE REMINDED TO READ THE DIRECTOR'S MANUAL BEFORE ANY PREPARATIONS ARE MADE FOR A TOURNAMENT.

2016 High School Softball Dates

Season Starts	Mon. of Wk. 35	February 29
1st Contest Held	Wed. of Wk. 37	March 16
Sectional	Week 44-45	May 2 - 7
Regional (Semi-Final)	Week 45	May 12 (Rain Date 13th)
Regional (Final)	Week 46	May 17-19 (Rain Date 20nd)
State	Week 47	May 25-26 (Rain Date 27th)

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Wilson NFHS 9011BSST yellow optic red stitch raised ball is the official state ball. The Wilson ball is required for all levels (sectional, regional, and state) of the tournament structure.
The ball must display the COR .47, NF authenticating mark, and the compression of 375 lbs.
- B. All sectional, regional games must be played on softball fields with dirt infields. Every attempt should also be made for regular season games.
- C. Use of Tobacco: The use of tobacco or tobacco-like products is prohibited by officials, coaches, players, and team attendants during a contest. A player or coach detected using tobacco will be ejected from the contest.
- D. It is strongly recommended that the coach be attired in the same uniform as the team. If the coach is not attired in the team uniform, he/she must be attired in clothing of the school colors, white, black, gray or khaki. Coaches are allowed to wear jerseys/coaching shirts, coaching shorts/slacks or warm-up suits provided the clothing is of the school colors or white, black, gray or khaki. It is further required that the jersey/coaching shirt reflect the school name and/or logo. Cut-offs, fleece, or any type of jeans of any color are prohibited. Coaches for each team are not required to be in identical dress; however, each coach must comply with the regulations (colors, logo, etc.).
- E. For regular season games to avoid unnecessary delay of the scheduled start time, it is recommended that the home team warmup first.
- F. The WVSSAC Board of Directors has approved that all temporary body markings and face paint must be removed. Permanent body markings must be covered if the game official determines the marking is objectionable. Note: This is an official's determination and is not protestable.
- G. All sectional and regional receipts or expenses shall be shared by participating schools.

II. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. Fast pitch rules will be used for all middle and high school programs.
- B. The Maximum Team and Player Contests for high school is 32 games exclusive of sectional, regional, and state contests.
- C. Middle school teams and players may play 18 games including tournaments sanctioned by the WVSSAC. Middle School/9th Grade varsity teams must play 7 inning games. Note that the 10 and 8 run rules also remain in effect.
- D. **At all school levels (middle school or high school), subvarsity games may be limited to 1 hour 30 minutes (provided the**

inning has been completed) or 7 innings or conclusion of the game - See Game Rules (Tie Breaker). The choice of these two game ending procedures must be determined by the coaches prior to the start of the game. This decision is to be communicated to the officials at the **pre-game conference**. If coaches cannot reach agreement, the game will be seven innings. Note that the 10 and 8 run rules would also remain in effect.

- E. Players' Uniforms: The following are points of emphasis in addition to the regulations specified in the National Federation Softball Rules Book:
 1. All helmets shall have a permanently affixed Manufacturer Certified NOCSAE Stamp (Rule 1-6-1). Also, all helmets shall be equipped with NOCSAE approved face protector (Rule 1-6-6).
 2. Players' uniforms are to be worn as manufactured. Example - shirts must be tucked in and sleeves not rolled up.
 3. **Players' shirts - All shirts must be tucked in. If the shirt comes out during play, players are to correct at the next opportune time. Failure to do so will result in a team warning. On the next occurrence, the player will be restricted to the dugout.**
- F. Game Rules: The National Federation Softball Rules will govern all play. In addition, the following rules are emphasized:
 1. Rule 4-2-2 - Game ending procedure - after 4 1/2 or 5 innings if one team is ahead by **eight (8) runs. This will be in effect for all regular season games and all tournament play.**
 2. **A 10 run rule after 3 innings and before 4 1/2 innings will be in effect for regular season play only.**
 3. **International Tie Breaker - The Tie Breaker may only be used in regular season and at the beginning of the 8th inning; however, there must be mutual consent of both coaches before the game begins. If there is not mutual consent, the Tie Breaker may not be used.**
National Federation Rule 4-2-6: While using the tie-breaker, each half-inning begins by placing a runner on second base. That runner is the player in the batting order who precedes the lead off batter in that inning. Then the game proceeds a full inning or until a winner is determined in that inning.
 4. All post season games will be played under suspended game rules. A suspended game is a game to be completed at a later date. Tournament games stopped because of rain, lightning, etc., will be resumed at the point of interruption and continue for the regulation seven (7) innings; the eight (8) run rule will be in effect for sectional, regional, and state tournament play.
 5. During Regular Season, Suspended Games rule may be used if coaches mutually agree prior to the start of the game.
 6. Game Ending Procedures for Invitational Tournaments: The option to use hour and a half or 5 inning game ending procedure will be determined by the Tournament Director and participating schools should be notified.
 7. Pitching Rule: No pitcher shall pitch more than fourteen (14) innings in any one (1) day period. One (1) pitch is considered an inning pitched. There is no "lay over" regulation for softball pitchers. If the rule is violated, the head coach will be suspended for the next three (3) games and the pitcher will not be allowed to pitch in the next three (3) games. However, she may play another position during those three games.
 8. A courtesy runner for the pitcher or catcher may be used.

III. POINTS OF EMPHASIS

- A. Schools must use WVSSAC registered officials for all softball contests.
- B. At the pre-game conference, officials are to give each head coach an officials' introductory card indicating the officials' names and registration numbers. It is important that officials also sign the scorebook. At that time, game ending procedures should be agreed upon.
- C. Coaches are reminded that good sportsmanship must be emphasized and practiced at all times by coaches, players, and spectators. If a coach or player is ejected from a contest, coaches should refer to WVSSAC Rule 127-4-3 Code for Interscholastic Athletics. In clarification, when a coach is ejected, he/she is required to leave the vicinity and is not allowed to coach at the next three played contests at that level. At the next three played contests, the coach is not allowed to have any contact with the team. This includes warming up the team or representing the team by wearing the team uniform to the game. He/she must be out of sight and sound.
- D. Coaches are to review the Non-School Participation Rule with all players.
- E. **Double First Base** may be used for regular season games only and the home school should notify visitors when it is being used.
- F. NFHS Pitching Distance for Middle School and High School is 43 feet.

IV. TOURNAMENTS

Tournament Play - Each team is permitted a maximum roster of eighteen (18) players whose names shall be submitted to the tournament director prior to participation at each level of tournament play. **Therefore, only 18 players may dress.** Each team shall be allowed a maximum of twenty-two (22) team personnel in the dugout or on the bench.

Ticket prices for each session of tournament games are as follows:

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|----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Sectional: | local option | |
| 2. Regional: | Adults - \$6.00 | Students - \$5.00 |
| 3. State: | Adults - \$8.00 | Students - \$7.00 |
| 4. All Session | Adults - \$30.00 | Students - \$25.00 |

Awards:

- A. Sectional: WVSSAC Championship Plaque - The plaque is mailed to the school whose name appears in **BOLD FACE** print.
- B. Regional: WVSSAC Championship Plaque
- C. State (for each class):
 1. Team: Championship Trophy
Runner-up Trophy
 2. Individual: Champion (19)
Runner-up (19)
 3. All Tournament (10) Plaques
 4. Sportsmanship Plaque

A. SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

All Sections must begin the first day of play with a double header. If there are 3 or more teams in your section, you must begin play on Wednesday, May 4th. Less than 3 teams must begin no later than Thursday, May 5th. Exception: Schools may choose to begin sectional play on Monday, May 2nd or Tuesday May 3rd and not have to play a double header on the first day.

The games must be played on consecutive days once the tournament is started (weather permitting) and reverts to single elimination if not completed by rain date.

1. The school appearing in **BOLD FACE** will serve as temporary chairman of each sectional and as such will be responsible for calling a meeting by **April 11**. **It is recommended that a school administrator (principal, assistant principal, athletic director) attend the sectional seeding meeting with the coach.** Site, pairings, selection of tournament director, dates, times, officials, awards, etc., shall be established at this meeting. Sectional tournament teams shall be seeded; therefore, it is recommended that teams play all other teams in their section. Sectional tournament play may be single or double elimination. However, the Softball Coaches' Committee has made the following changes to the tournament structure.

- a. It is recommended that the sectional tournament be double elimination.
- b. The "best" team should receive a "bye". The "best" team should be determined by using the following criteria:
 - 1) Head to head sectional
 - 2) Regional
 - 3) Overall record

The #1 seeded team receives the bye and the #2 seeded team plays the #3 seed in the 1st game of the double header. The loser of the first game is to play the #1 seed in the second game of the double header. the loser continues to play until someone is eliminated.

The determination of home/visitor team and dug out assignments shall be made at the sectional meeting. For all tournament play, the home team dugout shall be the dugout on the first base line. The "bye" team shall be the home team.

- c. At the sectional meeting, coaches shall reach **simple majority** decisions concerning the tournament format. Once the format has been established, **there is no change**. The WVSSAC office prefers that coaches/schools in each section reach agreement without intervention from this office. Intervention from this office is a last resort.

2. Tournament Directors are to submit the Sectional Softball Tournament Form Sb1 by **April 23**.
3. Registered Class I or II officials must be used.
4. Sectional winners are to send team picture, roster, and team record to Alice Goodwin at the WVSSAC office. The roster form to be completed for the state tournament souvenir program is included in the Coach's Packet.
5. Tournament Directors are to submit the Sectional Softball Financial Report Form Sb2 by **May 13**.

B. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT - Host site will be home team.

Regional Semi-Final

1. Semi-Final Directors will be responsible for selecting time and officials and for notifying participating schools. The Softball Coaches' Committee recommends the use of four person officiating crews.
2. Registered Class I or II officials are to be used.
3. Semi-Final Regional Tournament play is single elimination.
4. Tournament Directors are to submit the Semi-Final Softball Financial Report Form Sb3 by **May 20**.



Regional Final

1. Regional Directors will be responsible for selecting time and officials and for notifying participating schools.
2. Regional Tournament play is single elimination.
3. Registered Class I or II officials must be used.
4. Tournament Directors are to submit the Regional Softball Financial Report Form Sb4 by **May 27**.

C. STATE TOURNAMENT (May 25-26)

1. The State Tournament will be held at the Jackson Park in Vienna. Norm Harris of Parks & Recreation will serve as Tournament Director. The tournament will be a two (2) day double elimination championship. Karen King and Danny Tennant, AD, Parkersburg Catholic, will assist.
2. WVSSAC reimbursement for teams in the state tournament will be for a maximum of twenty (20) including players, managers, and coaches.
3. The playing schedule for the three classes will rotate yearly.
4. Four person officiating crews will be used.
5. **Sponsorship and Rights:** The WVSSAC is the sponsoring organization for all state tournaments. The WVSSAC reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments, the sale of any items at the tournament site, and any audio or visual reproductions of the events. Any sale, distribution or reproduction of clothing, souvenirs, pictures or other items without the expressed written consent of the WVSSAC is strictly prohibited. Pictures for media or school yearbooks are to be used for these purposes only.

**Sectional / Regional Alignment
AAA**

Region I

- Section 1 **Wheeling Park**, Brooke
- Section 2 **Parkersburg South**, Parkersburg
- Section 3 **University**, Preston
- Section 4 **Morgantown**, John Marshall

Region II

- Section 1 **Musselman**, Washington, Jefferson
- Section 2 **Spring Mills**, Martinsburg, Hedgesville
- Section 3 **Hampshire**, Elkins
- Section 4 **Lewis County**, Buckhannon-Upshur

Region III

- Section 1 **Woodrow Wilson**, Oak Hill, Shady Spring
- Section 2 **Princeton**, Greenbrier East
- Section 3 **South Charleston**, George Washington
- Section 4 **Capital**, Ripley, Riverside

Region IV

- Section 1 **Winfield**, Point Pleasant
- Section 2 **Logan**, Nitro, St. Albans
- Section 3 **Lincoln County**, Hurricane
- Section 4 **Cabell Midland**, Huntington, Spring Valley

AA

Region I

- Section 1 **Weir**, Oak Glen
- Section 2 **Ravenswood**, Ritchie County, Roane County
- Section 3 **East Fairmont**, Fairmont Senior, North Marion
- Section 4 **Webster County**, Braxton County

Region II

- Section 1 **Keyser**, Frankfort
- Section 2 **Petersburg**, Berkeley Springs
- Section 3 **Grafton**, Liberty (H), Philip Barbour
- Section 4 **Bridgeport**, Lincoln, Robert C. Byrd

Region III

- Section 1 **Independence**, Liberty (R), Summers County
- Section 2 **Wyoming East**, Westside
- Section 3 **River View**, Mt. View
- Section 4 **Bluefield**, PikeView, James Monroe

Region IV

- Section 1 **Clay County**, Herbert Hoover, Nicholas County
- Section 2 **Sissonville**, Poca
- Section 3 **Scott**, Chapmanville Regional
- Section 4 **Mingo Central**, Tolsia, Wayne

A

Region I

- Section 1 **Bishop Donahue**, Madonna, Wheeling Central
- Section 2 **Cameron**, Magnolia, Paden City
- Section 3 **Clay-Battelle**, Hundred, Trinity
- Section 4 **Tyler Consolidated**, St. Marys, Valley (W)

Region II

- Section 1 **South Harrison**, Notre Dame
- Section 2 **Tygarts Valley**, Tucker County
- Section 3 **Pocahontas County**, Pendleton County
- Section 4 **Moorefield**, East Hardy

Region III

- Section 1 **Greater Beckly Christian**, Greenbrier West, Meadow Bridge, Montcalm
- Section 2 **Fayetteville**, Midland Trail, Richwood
- Section 3 **Sherman**, Valley (F), Van
- Section 4 **Tug Valley**, Man

Region IV

- Section 1 **Doddridge County**, Parkersburg Catholic, Williamstown
- Section 2 **Wirt County**, Gilmer County
- Section 3 **Calhoun County**, Hannan, Wahama
- Section 4 **Buffalo**, Charleston Catholic, St. Joe Central

Softball Regional Tournament

The Softball Coaches' Advisory Committee recommended to the Board of Directors and was adopted to play Regional semi-final and finals at home schools to ease the cost of transportation and unnecessary travel.

2015-2016 Season - Class A, AA, AAA

1. Section 1 winner will host regional semi-final game
2. Section 3 winner will host regional semi-final game
3. Winner of section 1 vs 2 will host regional final.

State Softball Tournament

*Note: Home Team

- Game 1: Region 1* vs. Region 4
- Game 2: Region 2* vs. Region 3
- Game 3: Loser Game 1* vs. Loser Game 2
- Game 4: Winner Game 1* vs. Winner Game 2
- Game 5: Winner Game 3* vs. Loser Game 4



State Softball Tournament Rotation

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1 - 2	1 - 4	1 - 3	1 - 2	1 - 4	1 - 3
4 - 3	3 - 2	2 - 4	4 - 3	3 - 2	2 - 4

Wednesday, May 25

***NOTE: Admission will be charged for each session.**

Session I Field One (A) Field Two (AA) Field Three (AAA)

9:30 am----- Game 1

9:45 am----- Game 1

10:00 pm----- Game 1

Game 2 will begin 30 minutes after completion of Game 1.

Session II

4:30 pm----- Game 3

4:45 pm----- Game 3

5:00 pm----- Game 3

Game 4 will begin 30 minutes after completion of Game 3.

Thursday, May 26

Session I Field One (A) Field Two (AA) Field Three (AAA)

9:30 am----- Game 5

9:45 am----- Game 5

10:00 am----- Game 5

Session II

Championship Game(s)

(Home Team - Determined by Higher Seeded Team)

2:00 pm AAA Championship Field 3

2:15 pm A Championship Field 1

2:30 pm AA Championship Field 2

2016 SOFTBALL RULE REVISIONS

2-57-4 New: Art 4... Projected Substitute. A projected substitute is the act of entering a substitute without first removing a player from that position in the line-up. (3-3-3).

Rationale: To provide a standard definition for a "projected" substitute and to help clarify Rule 3-3-3.

2016 MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES

NOTE: One American flag, not to exceed 2 inches by 3 inches, may be worn or occupy space on the jersey. By state association approval, to allow for special occasions, commemorative or memorial patches, not to exceed 4 square inches, may be worn on jerseys.

2016 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

STRIKE ZONE (FP)
DP/FLEX EDUCATION
PITCHING (FP)

CERTIFIED BATS

Easton is voluntarily removing the following softball bat models from the ASA/USA list of certified bats: SCN1, SCN11BH, SCN1B, SCN2B, SCN3, SCN4B, SCN5, SCN5B, SCN6B, SCN7, SCN7B, SCN8, SCN8B, SNC9, SCX14, SCX14B, SCX24B, AND SCX3.

The NFHS Softball Rules Book specifically states that the bat must contain the 2000 or 2004 ASA certification mark and NOT be on the ASA non-approved bat list. Therefore, these bats are no longer permitted in NFHS contests.

Rule 1-5-1d

The ball shall:

- d. Meet the 2004 ASA Bat Performance Standard, bear either the 2000 or 2004 certification mark and not be listed on the ASA non-approved bat list as found on <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball.aspx>. Bat barrels made entirely of wood are permitted and need not bear an ASA mark, but shall not exceed 2-1/4 inches in diameter.

SOFTBALL RULES CLINICS

Schools: The Head Coach shall be required to attend any sport rules clinic in his/her coaching assignment which is sponsored by this Commission. **Schools failing to have a head coaching position filled at the time of the clinic are required to have a school representative present at the rules clinic.** In a 9-12 school, both the varsity and 9th grade coach are required to attend.

Officials: All officials must attend the clinic to be eligible to work any contests during the season.

The clinic attendance requirement will not be granted if the coach or representative is late in excess of 10 minutes.

SOFTBALL RULES CLINICS

Jan. 30	Interpreters' Clinic WVSSAC	1:00 p.m.	Kelly Geddis
Jan. 30	Parkersburg (WVSSAC)	1:00 p.m.	Kelly Geddis
Feb. 1	Logan H. S.	6:00 p.m.	Brian Atkinson
Feb. 2	Huntington H. S.	6:00 p.m.	Bruce Senior
Feb. 4	Wheeling Park H. S.	6:00 p.m.	Dwaine Rodgers
Feb. 6	Martinsburg H. S.	9:00 a.m.	Greg Reed
Feb. 6	Frankfort	12:30 p.m.	Kevin Shupe
Feb. 8	Woodrow Wilson H. S.	6:00 p.m.	Tim Carrico
Feb. 9	Capital H. S. - Charleston	6:00 p.m.	Cody Clay
Feb. 11	Robert C. Byrd H. S.	6:00 p.m.	Steve Gibson
Feb. 15	*WVSSAC Office	5:00 p.m.	Kelly Geddis

*Make-up Clinic - \$10.00 Fee

2014-2015 State Softball Champions

Class AAA

Hurricane High School

Class AA

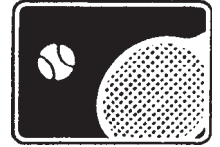
Sissonville High School

Class A

Buffalo High School



2016 Tennis Program



ALL TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS ARE REMINDED TO READ THIS PROGRAM. THE FORMS AND PROCEDURES FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY ARE IN THE DIRECTOR'S MANUAL. The results of any tournament must be submitted to the next level director and the WVSSAC office as soon as possible after the conclusion of the tournament.

The Board of Directors and the Tennis Coaches' Committee reviewed the tennis program in the February *Interscholastic* and approved the following:

2016 High School Tennis Dates:

Season Starts	Mon. of Wk. 35	Feb. 29
1st Contest Held	Wed. of Wk. 37	Mar. 16
Regional	Week 44	May 2 - 7
State	Week 45	May 12 - 14
Forms Due		
Information Verification Form (T3)		Mar. 7
Regional Seeding Form (T4)		Apr. 1
Regional Directors Form (T5)		Apr. 6
Regional Entry Form (21 & 22)		Apr. 29

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- No coaches are required to attend a WVSSAC State Rules Clinic this year. Return Information Verification Form (T3) by **March 7th**. Coach must complete the Regional Seeding Form (T4) and send it to the Regional Director by **April 1**.
- Coaches shall present themselves in **professional attire** suitable for a school representative. Coaches shall be attired in white, gray, black, khaki, or school colors.
- Middle School/9th Grade teams should be allowed to participate in interscholastic contests even if a player must play both a singles match and a doubles match. This allows for a team with as few as six team members to participate in a match with 4 singles matches and 3 doubles matches. Although it is recommended to use as many participants as possible, schools with a low number of participants should not be penalized for using a team member in both singles and doubles.
- Electronic Devices - Coaches, players, and officials are not allowed to have cell phones or pagers while they are on-court.

II. RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. REGULATIONS

- Tennis rules published by the United States Tennis Association are the official rules for all interscholastic competition unless otherwise modified by the WVSSAC.
- Middle School/9th Grade Dates - Middle School/9th Grades are allowed to play either a fall or spring season. However, the season selected shall be no longer than 12 weeks.
- In order to enter regional play, the position must have been played in at least six matches and the individual must play the position six times.** When playing teams inside your region and a player doesn't show or is injured, the team must choose to default or play an exhibition match that will not count towards regional seeding. However, it does count for scoring the regular season match and towards the athletes overall record. When playing outside your region and a player does not show or is injured, the team may choose to default or move players up.
- A team match shall consist of 4 points out of 7 (3 doubles, 4 singles). Schools competing with less than 3 members will count the individual matches but the contest will not count as a team match.
- When two teams are sponsored by a school (boys and girls), the girls must compete against girls, boys against boys. If a school sponsors one co-educational team, that team must compete as a boys' team. This applies to regular season. However, during tournament play, which is individual play, there are no co-educational teams or mixed doubles. Girls compete against girls and boys compete against boys. Clarification - If only one girl is on the team, she must play the #1 position (exception to #6) at regional competition.

- Players may play both singles and doubles, but it is not mandatory that they do so.
No form of stacking is acceptable.
- In a match, a school must play players in order of ability. This rule applies regardless of the number of players. Example: If a school has 3 players, they shall be put in rank order. The best player would play #1, second best #2, and third best #3.
- In doubles, players shall be placed on doubles teams according to ladder position, i.e., the best two doubles players at #1 doubles, the next two doubles players at #2 doubles, and so on for #3 doubles.
- Players' placement in the doubles need not correspond to their singles placement. For example, the #1 and #2 Singles players need not be the #1 Doubles team.
- Regular season matches will be pro-sets (8 games-with a 12 point tie breaker at 8 games all).

Six Game Pro Sets - There is no provision for a six game pro set. If a six game pro set match is played, the match will not count in the season record and will be a forfeit.

Tie Breaker - No coaching is allowed during the tie breaker.

- No-Ad Scoring - Regular Season - Both coaches must mutually agree. If mutual agreement cannot be established, regular scoring will be used. Regional Play - No ad scoring may be used at the discretion of the regional tournament director only. State Tournament - Scoring decisions will be made by the WVSSAC.**
 - The USTA has approved a variation of the conventional scoring system for the purpose of shortening the duration of a tennis match. It is called "no-ad scoring" and is precisely what the name implies.
 - Singles and Doubles: A game is won by the first player or team to win 4 points; that is if the score goes to 3-points-all (or deuce), the next point decides the game. There is no "advantage" point. Receiver decides to which court the service is delivered on the 7th point.
- If inclement weather causes a match to be cancelled during regular season play, the match will count as completed if four matches have been completed.
- When rescheduling regular season matches, matches with regional opponents should take precedence over non-regional matches.
- The tennis format of 4-3 will be used in all matches in West Virginia. If West Virginia schools play out-of-state opponents, they may play the same format as the home school. In any match, extra players may play as exhibition; however, points are not added to the team score.
- Honest Effort Rule: A player cannot default a match to save energy for another match or default to gain an advantage by not playing. If a student does not adhere to this rule, he/she will be disqualified from the tournament.**
- A penalty point deduction on the teams total will be assessed for unsportsmanlike behavior after a player has defaulted or play is complete for all regular season matches, Regional and State.**
- Coaches shall use Special Report Forms for unsportsmanlike acts or actions which could not or were not resolved by the use of the Coach's Request for Ruling Form. The Special Report Forms are to be submitted to the WVSSAC.
If misconduct occurs, the coach should first consult the coach of the player in question. If that coach fails to issue appropriate sanctions, the other coach may issue appropriate sanctions. A Special Report should then be completed and mailed to the WVSSAC office.
- Saturday Matches - 2 out of 3 format may be used if both coaches agree. **This is Saturday matches ONLY.**



B. UNIFORMS

Participants are required to be in school uniform for all regular season and tournament play. Uniforms must be in school colors. The school approved identification must be on the front of the uniform. Sleeves are not considered to be the front of the uniform. Doubles competition team mates must be attired in the same uniform. It is the responsibility of the match/tournament director and match officials to enforce these regulations. **All players mid-drifts and torsos must be covered.**

C. CONDUCT

1. All teams and players are reminded that only coaches may approach the Tournament Director. Inappropriate contact by players or parents is unacceptable, and warnings and penalties will result.

D. FORFEITS AND DEFAULTS

1. If, after an individual match begins, a forfeit occurs due to illness, injury, or penalty for misconduct, the games and set won by the forfeiting team shall stand and count.
2. In all other matches, if a default occurs before the individual match begins, then the Tournament Director shall record the score as 6-0 or 8-0.

E. ALTERNATES (Regular Season)

1. During the regular season only, substitution for participation will be allowed if the outcome of the match has been decided or for injury or illness.
2. In non Regional team play, when an alternate is to be used, all players may be moved up; the alternate can be inserted in the slot according to ability.

F. ALTERNATES (Tournament Play)

1. Regional and State Competitions are individual competitions. Prior to the beginning of any doubles play at the Regional Tournament, alternates (doubles) who were listed on the Entry Form may be used only in case of illness or injury and only in the position of the unavailable player. **The alternates must be used in the order in which they were placed on the Entry Form.** The regional director reserves the right to request medical verification (physician, nurse practitioner, athletic trainer).
2. If an alternate plays in the first round of doubles play in regionals and the team advances in regionals or to state, the "original" partner may not return to the team. The alternate becomes the partner for the tournament(s).
3. If a qualifier to the State Tournament is unable to participate, no substitution may be made. This regulation applies to singles and doubles and will result in a forfeit.

III. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

For all tournament play, players and coaches must be at courts 30 minutes prior to match. Failure to arrive on time will result in default.

A. Regional Tournament (Week 44).

May begin on Monday and continue through completion Saturday, (Rain Dates May 9-10) First Round matches may be played at home site.

In order to avoid date, time, etc., conflicts, coaches should notify players on the first day of the season of the Regional Tournament dates. Regional directors will determine the date(s) which are best considering time and facilities and notify schools as soon as possible.

- B. If you only have one coach and your regional/state is at 2 sites, you must provide an additional authorized coach to travel to the other site as needed. This will allow the other teams/players to progress through the tournament.

C. Regional Coaches' Meeting Information

1. The Regional Director is responsible for calling a meeting of all coaches and school administrators. **If a coach fails to attend the Regional Seed Meeting, all of that school's players will be placed in the blind draw.**

2. It is recommended that tournament directors make "weather" provisions to secure indoor accommodations with the cost assessed to the individual schools **from gate receipts.**
3. Regional directors are asked, whenever possible, to schedule regional play after school, on Saturday, or on out-of-school days.
4. Seeding will be the top four at each of the singles and doubles positions. The remaining placements will be by blind draw. Draw sheets with appropriate "bye" positions will be distributed to each tournament director. **The "blind draw" players are to be placed on the remaining lines from top to bottom. Coaches may not choose brackets. The draw goes straight down the draw sheet.**
5. **Teams must play at least 50% of the teams within their assigned region to be eligible to participate in the regional seeding process.**
6. Seeding for the top four will be based upon the following criteria in the following priority order:
 1. Head to Head in Regional Play
 2. Number of Regional Matches Played and Won
 3. Common Opponents
 4. Strength of Opponents Played
 5. Overall Record

USTA ranking is NOT to be considered.

Teams may play each other no more than 2 times to count for seeding purposes.

7. Advanced Placement Testing: The regional schedule will not be adjusted or altered for AP testing, prom or other activities. AP students must take the make-up test or forfeit the regional match.

D. General Information

1. The Regional Tennis Entry Form must be received by the WVSSAC office by **12:00 noon April 29, 2016**. A copy shall also be mailed to the regional tournament director. No alternates are allowed for singles play once the Entry Form is submitted. Alternates for the doubles team are only allowed for injury or illness and prior to the beginning of doubles play and must be used in the order they appear on the Entry Form. **No matches played after the 12:00 deadline will count for seeding purposes.**
 - a. The Seeding Meeting line-up must coincide with the Entry Form line-up regardless of the date of the meeting.
 - b. Regional Director must return Tennis Seeding Form (T5) to WVSSAC office by **April 1st**. It will then be placed on the Website.
2. **Match Report** Forms - Match Report Forms (23) shall be taken to the Regional Coaches' Meeting. **Failure of the coach to bring match report form to meeting may result in loss of seeding. Should a conflict arise, the decision will be left to the Regional Director.**
3. All Regional Tournament Directors are to secure roving officials to monitor court behavior and foot faults. All roving officials will be attired in such a way that they are easily recognizable. Directors should refer to Points of Emphasis for more specific information. If the tournament director cannot secure officials, he/she shall assume the responsibility of enforcing all regulations.
4. Regional Tournament Directors are asked to secure one trained official for each court. If trained officials are not available, Tennis Coaches' Committee members and tennis knowledgeable individuals shall be chosen first when assigning officials at the regional level. All officials will be attired in such a way that they are easily recognizable. **Officials are responsible for keeping spectators at least 10 feet from court fence.**
5. Regional and state team awards will be based upon individual (singles and doubles) qualifying points accumulated each round.
6. A student must complete the qualifying tournament to be eligible to compete at the next level.
7. Participants or teams are to supply their own tennis balls. Wilson is the state adopted tournament ball.
8. **Time Violations:** Time violations occur when a player takes more



than 20 seconds between points or takes more than 90 seconds on changeovers. A warning shall be given for the first violation. Subsequent delays shall be penalized by a point loss for each violation, with no accumulation.

9. **Harassment of Players Prohibited:** Team members and their spectators shall not harass opposing team players. Harassment directed at individual match is first assessed a warning, next a loss of game, and finally default.
10. **Bathroom Breaks:** A player must ask an official for a designated "bathroom break". The official may refuse this request if he determines that the player is resorting to gamesmanship. WVSSAC will allow reasonable time for bathroom breaks and should take them on a 90-second changeover or Set Break.
11. **Rest Time Between 8 Game Pro Sets** - At the tournament director's discretion, a maximum of 30 minutes rest time is allowed between 8 game pro sets during regular season or tournament play.
12. If an individual is unable to complete the tournament once it has begun, he/she must forfeit.
13. **No ad scoring is not allowed in regional tournament play.**
14. Admission is \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.

E. Team Awards

A regional team plaque (boys and girls) will be presented for each class. Team winner will be determined by points received by qualifying for each round of the regional tournament. Each round of qualification will award one point (per qualifier, per school). **No team points are awarded for any consolation matches at any position.** Therefore, each position will be played to determine order of finish. For eg. for the #1 position, play will continue until 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finishers are determined. In the event of a tie, the following will be considered: number of champions, semi-final finish at any flight, quarter-final finish at any flight, and finish at round (opening round) prior to quarter-finals.

F. Individual Competition

1. The regional tournament will be a "flighted" tournament. The following competitions (4-3) will be held for boys and girls: number one singles, number two singles, number three singles, number four singles, number one doubles, number two doubles, and number three doubles. Each school in the region will send one entry for each of the positions/competitions.
2. Only the top four at each position will be seeded. To assist in the seeding, all coaches will be required to complete the Match Report Form for all regular season matches and to submit those to the regional tournament director at the Regional Coaches' Meeting.
3. All other players will be entered by a "blind" draw. The WVSSAC office will send bracket sheets to each regional director.
4. All regional play will be 8 game pro sets with 12 point tie breaker at 8 all. Rest time: maximum of 30 minutes at tournament director's discretion.
5. Qualifiers for the state tournament will be determined by the position played. The following will qualify from each of the four regions (boys and girls):

Four number one singles	Three number one doubles
Three number two singles	Two number two doubles
Two number three singles	One number three doubles
One number four singles	

IV. STATE TOURNAMENT (Wednesday-Saturday of Week 45)

- A. The State Tennis Tournament will be held at the Kanawha City Community Center Tennis Courts and Charleston Catholic Athletic Facility, Charleston, WV, with Mike Tompkins as Tournament Director; Bill Malone and Carolyn Tyree, Assistant Directors; John Charnock, Charleston Parks and Recreation Director. **Mandatory Coaches Meeting, Wednesday at 6:30 PM.**
- B. The State Tennis Tournament will use USTA officials assigned by the WVSSAC.
Both court monitor and chair/on-court officials will be used. The USTA official will serve primarily as an observer and preventive mea-

sure to eliminate rule violations or conflicts; the chair/on-court official will be responsible for calls. The court monitor will be responsible for verifying players' uniforms, calling lines if requested, etc.

- C. Admission for the State Tennis Tournament will be \$8.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students. This is a daily admission fee; pass-outs/hand stamps will be used each day.
All Session Passes for the three day tournament will be sold at a cost of \$21.00 for adults and \$18.00 for students. These passes are nonrefundable.
- D. Media - No photographers or reporters will be allowed on court (indoor or outdoor) during play.
- E. State Tournament Tentative Schedule
 1. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Mandatory Coaches Meeting at Kanawha City.
 2. Thursday, 8:00 a.m.
Singles and Doubles Competition
The order of competition is tentatively scheduled for first rounds of singles and doubles and the following rounds as time allows on each day of the tournament.
 3. On Thursday and Friday, the two class divisions will be held at different site locations.*
 - AAA - Charleston Catholic
 - A/AA - Kanawha City Community Tennis Center
 * Site locations will rotate each year.
 4. Order of Play:

Boys	Girls
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 5. Play will resume at 8:00 a.m. on Friday.
- F. The WVSSAC will supply Wilson tennis balls for all State Tournament matches.
- G. Team Competition
 1. 1 point for each win in each position.
 2. A team champion will be honored in AAA and AA-A.
- H. Doubles
 1. **Rounds prior to semi finals (first 2 rounds) would be 8 game pro sets. Subsequent matches would be 2 of 3 sets, weather permitting.**
 2. **Seeding of state qualifiers will be based upon order of finish at the regional tournament. Regional pairings would vary each year and with each position and will be determined by the WVSSAC after completion of Regional Tournaments.**
- I. Singles
 1. **Rounds prior to semi finals (first 2 rounds) would be 8 game pro sets. Subsequent matches would be 2 of 3 sets, weather permitting.**
 2. **Seeding of state qualifiers will be based upon order of finish at the regional tournament. Regional pairings would vary each year and with each position.**
- J. Awards
 1. Winner and Runner-Up Singles at each position.
 2. Winner and Runner-Up Doubles at each position.
 3. Team Winner and Runner-Up trophy.
- K. **NOTE:** Reimbursement will end with tournament elimination.

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STATE TOURNAMENT SEEDING

1st singles	2nd singles	3rd singles
4th singles	2nd doubles	1st doubles
3rd doubles		

The regions for State Tournament Seeding will be determined by the WVSSAC. After completion of Regional Tournaments, they will be placed on the website.

**TENNIS ALIGNMENT – REGIONAL COMPETITION
AAA TEAMS
SINGLES AND DOUBLES**

*Tournament Directors shall refer to the Director's Manual for responsibilities and to the Entry Form Book online for proper form completion.

Region I

Site: West Liberty University Jackson Park
 Director: Rick Dobson, AD/Pam Reeves, Parkersburg HS
 Schools: Brooke, John Marshall, Morgantown, Parkersburg, Parkersburg South, Preston, University Wheeling Park

Region II

Site: Jefferson High School
 Director: Jay Kirby, AD, Jefferson HS
 Schools: Buckhannon-Upshur, Elkins, Hampshire, Hedgesville, Jefferson, Lewis County, Martinsburg, Musselman, Spring Mills, Washington

Region III

Site: Kanawha City Community Center
 Director: Carolyn Tyree
 Schools: Capital, George Washington, Greenbrier East, Oak Hill, Princeton, Ripley, Riverside, Shady Spring, South Charleston, Woodrow Wilson

Region IV

Site: Ritter Park
 Director: Bruce Senior, AD, Huntington HS
 Schools: Cabell Midland, Huntington, Hurricane, Lincoln County, Logan, Nitro, Point Pleasant, Spring Valley, St. Albans, Winfield

**TENNIS ALIGNMENT – REGIONAL COMPETITION
AA-A TEAMS
SINGLES AND DOUBLES**

*Tournament Directors shall refer to the Director's Manual for responsibilities and to the Entry Form Book online for proper form completion.

Region I

Site: Fairmont State University
 Director: Frank Moore, Marion Co. AD
 Rodney Anselene, East Fairmont HS
 Schools: Braxton County, East Fairmont, Fairmont Senior, Madonna, Magnolia, North Marion, Oak Glen, Ravenswood, Ritchie County, St. Marys, Trinity Christian, Webster County, Weir, Wheeling Central

Region II

Site: Robert C Byrd HS / Clarksburg VA Park
 Director: Rich Board, AD / Sara DePiano, Grafton HS
 Schools: Berkeley Springs, Bridgeport, Frankfort, Grafton, Keyser, Liberty (H), Lincoln, Moorefield, Notre Dame, Petersburg, Philip Barbour, Robert C. Byrd

Region III

Site: Concord University
 Director: Joe Blankenship, Tennis Coach, Concord University
 Schools: Bluefield, Fayetteville, Greenbrier West, Independence, Liberty (R), Man, Midland Trail, Mt. View, River View, Tug Valley, Westside, Wyoming East

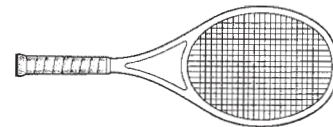
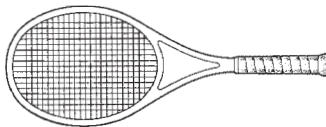
Region IV

Site: Parkersburg City Park
 Director: Jeff Givens, AD, Williamstown HS / Jay Carter
 Schools: Chapmanville Regional, Charleston Catholic, Herbert Hoover, Mingo Central, Parkersburg Catholic, Poca, Nicholas County, Scott, Sherman, Sissonville, St. Joe Central, Wahama, Williamstown, Wirt County

TENNIS RULES CLINICS

No Rules Clinics for 2015-16

Coach must sign and return form T3 in Coaches' Packet that they received and read their materials before 1st contest date.



2014-2015 Boys' State Champions

AAA

George Washington High School

AA-A

Bridgeport High School

2014-2015 Girls' State Champions

AAA

Morgantown High School

AA-A

St. Joseph Central High School



National Federation of State High School Associations



NFHS Guidelines on Handling Practices and Contests During Lightning or Thunder Disturbances

National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC)

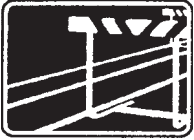
These guidelines provide a default policy to those responsible or sharing duties for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of practices and contests based on the presence of lightning or thunder. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include your state high school activities association and the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

Proactive Planning

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safe areas.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard within 30 seconds of a visible lightning strike, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for thirty minutes and take shelter immediately.
 - b. Thirty-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
4. Review annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel.
5. Inform student athletes of the lightning policy at start of season.

For more detailed information, refer to the "Lightning and Thunder Safety" section contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook.

Revised and Approved January 2014



2016 Track and Field Program

ALL MEET DIRECTORS ARE REMINDED TO READ THE DIRECTOR'S MANUAL BEFORE ANY PREPARATIONS ARE MADE FOR A MEET. The necessary forms or reports that must be filed with the WVSSAC office and instructions for each sport are in the Director's Manual.

The Track Committee reviewed and recommended to the Board of Directors which approved the following:

2016 High School Track Dates

Season Starts:	Mon. of Wk. 35	February 29
1st Contest May Be Held	Wed. of Wk. 37	March 16
Regional	Week 45	May 11 - 14
State	Week 46	May 20 - 21

Middle School/9th Grade Dates

Season Starts	Mon. of Wk. 35	February 29
1st Contest May Be Held	Wed. of Wk. 37	March 16
Season Ends	Thurs. of Wk. 46	May 19

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- The track format will be Regional and State.
- It is the coach's responsibility to enforce the uniform rule (National Federation Rule 4-3).
- Shuttle Hurdle Relay for **Girls**
The race will be 102.5 meters - 10 hurdles
Layout of course:
Start to first hurdle - 13.0 meters
Distance between hurdles - 8.5 meters
Last hurdle to finish line - 13.0 meters
Shuttle Hurdle Relay for **Boys**
The race will be 110 meters - 10 hurdles
Layout of course:
Start to first hurdle - 13.735 meters
Distance between hurdles - 9.17 meters
Last hurdle to finish line - 13.735 meters
A team may use one marker at each exchange and it must be placed on the line between the team's assigned two lanes.
It is recommended that competition in shuttle should begin in even numbered lanes (2, 4, 6, 8) and end in odd numbered lanes (1, 3, 5, 7).
- Pole Vaulters' Weight Verification Form: Coaches are required to process the form and to give a copy of the form to the event judge at ALL meets.**
- The pole vault landing system should conform to the National Federation rules. See 7-5-7; 7-5-8; 7-5-9; 7-5-10; 7-5-11; 7-5-12; and 7-5-13.

II. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- The 16 individual and relay team qualifiers in running, shot, discus and long jump events to the state meet will be determined as follows:
 - Top three (3) individuals and relay teams from each region will qualify.
 - The 13th through 16th qualifying positions will be determined by the next four (4) fastest times/distances from the regional results.
 - The State Meet Games Committee will develop a tie breaking procedure to be instituted if needed. This procedure will be included in the Games Committee Report.
- Each Regional Meet will qualify the top four (4) individuals in the high jump and pole vault plus any additional athletes who meet or better the qualifying standard for the State Meet. If there is a tie for 4th place that does not meet the State Qualifying Standard that tie must be worked off utilizing the tie breaking procedure that is normally used for 1st place.

- Field implements for shot and discus shall be provided by the WVSSAC for the state meet. No personal or school implements will be permitted in the throwing venues. A variety of implements will be available for warm-up and competition.
- A 34.92-degree sector will be used in the shot put and discus in all meets during the 2015 season by National Federation rule.
- Student eligibility must be submitted on line to the WVSSAC before the first meet. All updates must be completed on line before an athlete competes in a meet.

III. TOURNAMENTS

A. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT (Wednesday-Saturday of Week 45)

- It is recommended, but not mandatory, that all Regional Meets held on Wednesday/Thursday/Friday not start until 4:00 p.m.
- Price of admission: Adult - \$6.00 Student - \$5.00
- Schools are responsible for having updated rosters online.**
- The event file for all regional track meets will be posted on the WVSSAC website by May 2, 2016.
- The State Track Meet Games Committee will establish starting heights for the high jump and the pole vault for all Regional Meets. These heights may be adjusted by the Games Committee due to weather.
- The Regional Director will provide a Hy-Tek backup file and a Finish Lynx backup file of all events to the State Meet Directors by 9:00 AM the day after the Regional Meet.**
- The 4 X 400 (M) Relay will be run using a 3-turn stagger in both the regional and state competitions.**
- The 800, 1600, 3200 and 4 X 800 will be run using a one-turn stagger in both regional and state competitions.**
- In Regional Meets, coaches will be allowed to scratch and substitute entries from eligibility sheets; however, they will not be allowed to add entries.
- Coaches are responsible for all times turned in to the Regional Director who has the authority to request verification of times.
- Regional Awards: Plaques will be provided for Regional boys' and girls' team winners only. Individual and other team awards will be left to the discretion of the directors and participating schools with the cost covered by the participating schools or other sources.
- Regional Alignment and Location**
There will be a Regional Track Director's Meeting, including Hy-Tek computer operators, at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, April 19, 2016**, at the WVSSAC office. (Regional Directors are **REQUIRED** to bring their Hy-Tek software users.)
- Regional Track Meet required order for field events:

First Session	Second Session
Girls Shot	Girls Discus
Boys Discus	Boys Shot
Girls High Jump	Girls Long Jump
Boys Long Jump	Boys High Jump
Boys Pole Vault	Girls Pole Vault

AAA

Region I

Location: Parkersburg High School
 Director: Rick Dobson, AD, Parkersburg High School
 Date: May 11, 2016
 Schools: Brooke, John Marshall, Morgantown, Parkersburg, Parkersburg South, Preston, University, Wheeling Park

Region II

Location: Buckhannon-Upshur High School
 Director: Eddie Vincent, AD, Buckhannon-Upshur High School
 Date: May 11, 2016
 Schools: Buckhannon-Upshur, Elkins, Hampshire, Hedgesville, Jefferson, Lewis County, Martinsburg, Musselman, Spring Mills, Washington



Region III

Location: Laidley Field - Charleston
 Director: Shawn Wheeler, AD, George Washington High School
 Date: May 11, 2016
 Schools: Capital, George Washington, Greenbrier East, Oak Hill, Princeton, Ripley, Riverside, Shady Spring, South Charleston, Woodrow Wilson

Region IV

Location: Winfield High School
 Director: Will Issacs AD, Winfield High School
 Date: May 11, 2016
 Schools: Cabell Midland, Huntington, Hurricane, Lincoln County, Logan, Nitro, Point Pleasant, Spring Valley, St. Albans, Winfield

AA

Region I

Location: Oak Glen High School
 Director: Phil Rujak, AD, Oak Glen HS
 Date: May 13, 2016
 Schools: Braxton County, East Fairmont, Fairmont Senior, North Marion, Oak Glen, Ravenswood, Ritchie County, Roane County, Weir, Webster County

Region II

Location: Buckhannon-Upshur High School
 Director: Eddie Vincent, AD, Buckhannon-Upshur High School
 Date: May 13, 2016
 Schools: Berkeley Springs, Bridgeport, Frankfort, Grafton, Keyser, Liberty (H), Lincoln, Petersburg, Philip Barbour, Robert C. Byrd

Region III

Location: Laidley Field - Charleston - **4:00 PM**
 Director: Shawn Wheeler, AD, George Washington High School
 Date: May 13, 2016
 Schools: Bluefield, Independence, James Monroe, Liberty (R), Mount View, PikeView, River View, Summers County, Westside, Wyoming East

Region IV

Location: Laidley Field - Charleston - **10:00 AM**
 Director: Shawn Wheeler, AD, George Washington High School
 Date: May 13, 2016
 Schools: Chapmanville Regional, Clay County, Herbert Hoover, Mingo Central, Nicholas County, Poca, Scott, Sissonville, Tolsia, Wayne

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Region I

Location: ~~Buckhannon-Upshur~~ **St. Marys** High School
 Director: ~~Eddie Vincent, AD, Buckhannon-Upshur High School~~
Jodi Mote, AD, St. Marys High School
 Date: May 12, 2016 4:00 PM
 Schools: Bishop Donahue, Cameron, Clay Battelle, Hundred, Madonna, Magnolia, Paden City, St. Marys, Trinity Christian, Tyler Consolidated, Valley (W), Wheeling Central

Region II

Location: Keyser High School
 Director: Lori Wilson, AD, Keyser High School
 Date: May 12, 2016 11:00 AM
 Schools: East Hardy, Moorefield, Notre Dame, Paw Paw, Pendleton County, Pocahontas County, South Harrison, Tucker County, Tygarts Valley, Union, Pickens

Region III

Location: Laidley Field - Charleston
 Director: Shawn Wheeler, AD, George Washington High School
 Date: May 12, 2016
 Schools: Fayetteville, Greenbrier West, Meadow Bridge, Midland Trail, Richwood, Sherman, Tug Valley, Van, Valley (F)

Region IV

Location: Parkersburg South High School
 Director: **Jeff Givens, AD, Williamstown High School**
 Date: May 12, 2016
 Schools: Buffalo, Calhoun County, Charleston Catholic, Doddridge County, Gilmer County, Hannan, Parkersburg Catholic, St. Joseph Central, Wahama, Williamstown, Wirt County

Order of Events:

High School One Session Meet

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. 4 x 800 (M) Relay (G) | 7. 300 (M) LH 30" (G) |
| 4 x 800 (M) Relay (B) | 300 (M) IH 36" (B) |
| 2. 100 (M) HH 33" (G) | 8. 4 x 100 (M) Relay (G) |
| 110 (M) HH 39" (B) | 4 x 100 (M) Relay (B) |
| 3. 100 (M) Dash (G) | 9. 800 (M) Run (G) |
| 100 (M) Dash (B) | 800 (M) Run (B) |
| 4. 4 x 200 (M) Relay (G) | 10. 200 (M) Dash (G) |
| 4 x 200 (M) Relay (B) | 200 (M) Dash (B) |
| 5. 1600 (M) Run (G) | 11. 3200 (M) Run (G) |
| 1600 (M) Run (B) | 3200 (M) Run (B) |
| 6. 400 (M) Dash (G) | 12. Shuttle Hurdle Relay (G) |
| 400 (M) Dash (B) | Shuttle Hurdle Relay (B) |
| | 13. 4 x 400 (M) Relay (G) |
| | 4 x 400 (M) Relay (B) |

High School Two Session Meet

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| First Session High School | Second Session High School |
| 1. 100 (M) HH 33" (G) Trials | 1. 4 x 800 (M) Relay (G) |
| 110 (M) HH 39" (B) Trials | 4 x 800 (M) Relay (B) |
| 2. 100 (M) Dash (G) Trials | 2. 100 (M) HH 33" (G) |
| 100 (M) Dash (B) Trials | 110 (M) HH 39" (B) |
| 3. 3200 (M) Run (G) Finals | 3. 100 (M) Dash (G) |
| 4. 200 (M) Dash (G) Trials | 100 (M) Dash (B) |
| 200 (M) Dash (B) Trials | 4. 4 x 200 (M) Relay (G) |
| 5. 3200 (M) Run (B) Finals | 4 x 200 (M) Relay (B) |
| 6. 400 (M) Dash (G) Finals | 5. 1600 (M) Run (G) |
| 400 (M) Dash (B) Finals | 1600 (M) Run (B) |
| | 6. 300 (M) LH 30" (G) |
| | 300 (M) IH 36" (B) |
| | 7. 4 x 100 (M) Relay (G) |
| | 4 x 100 (M) Relay (B) |
| | 800 (M) Run (G) |
| | 800 (M) Run (B) |
| | 9. 200 (M) Dash (G) |
| | 200 (M) Dash (B) |
| | 10. Shuttle Hurdle Relay (G) |
| | Shuttle Hurdle Relay (B) |
| | 11. 4 x 400 (M) Relay (G) |
| | 4 x 400 (M) Relay (B) |

Field Events

- Pole Vault (B & G) 8.**
- High Jump (B & G)**
- Long Jump (B & G)**
- Shot Put (B & G)**
- Discus (B & G)**

B. STATE TOURNAMENT (Friday-Saturday of Week 46)

Qualifying standards for the State Meet in field events will use the following standards.

BOYS

	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
Pole Vault	12'6"	11'6"	11'0"
High Jump	6'0"	5'10"	5'10"

GIRLS

	<u>AAA</u>	<u>AA</u>	<u>A</u>
Pole Vault	9'6"	8'0"	8'0"
High Jump	5'0"	4'10"	4'10"

- If there is a scratch in the "hot heat" of the State Track Meet in any timed final event, the referee is to reheat the race in order to fill the "hot heat" in the finals.
- The top two finishers in each heat and the next four best times will be used to determine the qualifiers for the finals in the State Track Meet.
- The 2015-2016 State Track and Field Meet will be at Laidley Field, Charleston, West Virginia, on Friday, **May 20** and Saturday, **May 21**.
- Officials volunteering to help at this meet who receive no compensation will have their registration fee for the following year waived.
- Price of admission: Adults - \$8.00 Students - \$7.00**
- Protests:** Protests that develop during the State Track Meet should be made at once and not later than thirty (30) minutes after the results of the protested event have been officially announced. Any such protests must be submitted in writing by the coach to the timing/com-



puter building near the finish line. The protest will be submitted to the Jury of Appeals who will render a decision.

7. Award Presentations: Awards in all final events will be presented to first place finishers thirty (30) minutes after the results of said event have been officially announced. Should the event have a protest filed, the award presentation will be postponed until the Jury of Appeals has rendered a decision on the protest and said event results have been declared official. Places 2-6 may pick up their awards 30 minutes after results have been officially announced and no protest has been filed.

8. Seeding Information

For the State Meet, heat leaders and relay team leaders will be seeded on the basis of the regional times.

9. All relays will be ran as timed finals.

For seeding purposes, F.A.T. times will be utilized; hand-held times will be converted. The State Meet Director will be responsible for this conversion.

10. No tents can be put up by any teams until Friday of the State Meet beginning at 11:00 am. First come - first serve. Violator's tents will be confiscated and given back at 2:00 pm.

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Order of Events

Friday, May 20 (Please note starting times of events)

Time	#	B/G	Event	Div.Pre/Finals
2:00 PM Field Events – Session 1 – II				
		Boys	Discus	A Finals
		Boys	High Jump	AAA Final
		Girls	Long Jump	AAA Finals
		Girls	Pole Vault	AA Finals
		Girls	Shot Put	A Finals
2:00 PM	1	Girls	4x800 Meter Relay	A Finals
2:15 PM	2	Girls	4x800 Meter Relay	AA Finals
2:30 PM	3	Girls	4x800 Meter Relay	AAA Finals
2:45 PM	4	Boys	4x800 Meter Relay	A Finals
3:00 PM	5	Boys	4x800 Meter Relay	AA Finals
3:15 PM	6	Boys	4x800 Meter Relay	AAA Finals
3:30 PM	7	Girls	100 Meter Hurdles	A Trials
3:35 PM	8	Girls	100 Meter Hurdles	AA Trials
3:40 PM	9	Girls	100 Meter Hurdles	AAA Trials
3:50 PM	10	Boys	110 Meter Hurdles	A Trials
3:55 PM	11	Boys	110 Meter Hurdles	AA Trials
4:00 PM Field Events – Session 2 – III				
		Girls	Discus	A Finals
		Girls	High Jump	AAA Final
		Boys	Long Jump	A Finals
		Boys	Pole Vault	AAA Finals
		Boys	Shot Put	AA Finals
4:00 PM	12	Boys	110 Meter Hurdles	AAA Trials
4:10 PM	13	Girls	100 Meter Dash	A Trials
4:15 PM	14	Girls	100 Meter Dash	AA Trials
4:20 PM	15	Girls	100 Meter Dash	AAA Trials
4:25 PM	16	Boys	100 Meter Dash	A Trials
4:30 PM	17	Boys	100 Meter Dash	AA Trials
4:35 PM	18	Boys	100 Meter Dash	AAA Trials
4:45 PM	19	Girls	Shuttle Hurdles	A Finals
5:00 PM	20	Girls	Shuttle Hurdles	AA Finals
5:15 PM	21	Girls	Shuttle Hurdles	AAA Finals
5:30 PM	22	Boys	Shuttle Hurdles	A Finals
5:45 PM	23	Boys	Shuttle Hurdles	A Finals

6:00 PM Field Events – Session 3 – IV

Time	#	B/G	Event	Div.Pre/Finals
		Boys	Discus	AA Finals
		Boys	High Jump	A Final
		Girls	Long Jump	A Finals
		Girls	Pole Vault	AAA Finals
		Girls	Shot Put	AA Finals
6:00 PM	24	Boys	Shuttle Hurdles	A Finals
6:20 PM	25	Girls	200 Meter Dash	A Trials
6:25 PM	26	Girls	200 Meter Dash	AA Trials
6:30 PM	27	Girls	200 Meter Dash	AAA Trials
6:40 PM	28	Boys	200 Meter Dash	A Trials
6:45 PM	29	Boys	200 Meter Dash	AA Trials
6:50 PM	30	Boys	200 Meter Dash	AAA Trials
7:00 PM	31	Girls	3200 Meter Run	A Finals
7:15 PM	32	Girls	3200 Meter Run	AA Finals
7:30 PM	33	Girls	3200 Meter Run	AAA Finals
7:45 PM	34	Boys	3200 Meter Run	A Finals
8:00 PM	35	Boys	3200 Meter Run	AA Finals
8:15 PM	36	Boys	3200 Meter Run	AAA Finals

Saturday – May 21

Time	#	B/G	Event	Div.Pre/Finals
9:00 AM Field Events – Session 4 – V				
		Girls	Discus	AA Finals
		Girls	High Jump	A Final
		Boys	Long Jump	AA Finals
		Boys	Pole Vault	A Finals
		Boys	Shot Put	AAA Finals
10:00 AM	37	Girls	400 Meter Dash	A Finals
10:05 AM	38	Girls	400 Meter Dash	AA Finals
10:10 AM	39	Girls	400 Meter Dash	AAA Finals
10:15 AM	40	Boys	400 Meter Dash	A Finals
10:20 AM	41	Boys	400 Meter Dash	AA Finals
10:25 AM	42	Boys	400 Meter Dash	AAA Finals
10:30 AM	43	Girls	1600 Meter Run	A Finals
10:40 AM	44	Girls	1600 Meter Run	AA Finals
10:50 AM	45	Girls	1600 Meter Run	AAA Finals
11:00 AM Field Events – Session 5 – VI				
		Boys	Discus	AAA Finals
		Boys	High Jump	AA Final
		Girls	Long Jump	AA Finals
		Girls	Pole Vault	A Finals
		Girls	Shot Put	AAA Finals
11:00 AM	46	Boys	1600 Meter Run	A Finals
11:10 AM	47	Boys	1600 Meter Run	AA Finals
11:20 AM	48	Boys	1600 Meter Run	AAA Finals
11:35 AM	49	Girls	300 Meter Hurdles	A Finals
11:40 AM	50	Girls	300 Meter Hurdles	AA Finals
11:45 AM	51	Girls	300 Meter Hurdles	AAA Finals
11:50 AM	52	Boys	300 Meter Hurdles	A Finals
11:55 AM	53	Boys	300 Meter Hurdles	AA Finals
12:00 PM	54	Boys	300 Meter Hurdles	AAA Finals
12:05 PM			Lunch Break	
12:45 PM			GRADUATIONS (If Needed)	
1:00 PM Field Events – Session 6 – I				
		Girls	Discus	AAA Finals
		Girls	High Jump	AA Final
		Boys	Long Jump	AAA Finals
		Boys	Pole Vault	AA Finals
		Boys	Shot Put	A Finals
1:00 PM	7	Girls	100 Meter Hurdles	A Finals
1:03 PM	8	Girls	100 Meter Hurdles	AA Finals
1:06 PM	9	Girls	100 Meter Hurdles	AAA Finals
1:15 PM	10	Boys	110 Meter Hurdles	A Finals
1:18 PM	11	Boys	110 Meter Hurdles	AA Finals
1:21 PM	12	Boys	110 Meter Hurdles	AAA Finals
1:25 PM	13	Girls	100 Meter Dash	A Finals



1:27 PM	14	Girls	100 Meter Dash	AA	Finals
1:29 PM	15	Girls	100 Meter Dash	AAA	Finals
1:31 PM	16	Boys	100 Meter Dash	A	Finals
1:33 PM	17	Boys	100 Meter Dash	AA	Finals
1:35 PM	18	Boys	100 Meter Dash	AAA	Finals
1:40 PM	55	Girls	4x200 Meter Relay	A	Finals
1:50 PM	56	Girls	4x200 Meter Relay	AA	Finals
2:00 PM	57	Girls	4x200 Meter Relay	AAA	Finals
2:10 PM	58	Boys	4x200 Meter Relay	A	Finals
2:20 PM	59	Boys	4x200 Meter Relay	AA	Finals
2:30 PM	60	Boys	4x200 Meter Relay	AAA	Finals
2:55 PM	61	Girls	4x100 Meter Relay	A	Finals
3:00 PM	62	Girls	4x100 Meter Relay	AA	Finals
3:05 PM	63	Girls	4x100 Meter Relay	AAA	Finals
3:10 PM	64	Boys	4x100 Meter Relay	A	Finals
3:15 PM	65	Boys	4x100 Meter Relay	AA	Finals
3:20 PM	66	Boys	4x100 Meter Relay	AAA	Finals
3:25 PM	67	Girls	800 Meter Run	A	Finals
3:30 PM	68	Girls	800 Meter Run	AA	Finals
3:35 PM	69	Girls	800 Meter Run	AAA	Finals
3:40 PM	70	Boys	800 Meter Run	A	Finals
3:45 PM	71	Boys	800 Meter Run	AA	Finals
3:50 PM	72	Boys	800 Meter Run	AAA	Finals
3:55 PM	25	Girls	200 Meter Dash	A	Finals
3:57 PM	26	Girls	200 Meter Dash	AA	Finals
3:59 PM	27	Girls	200 Meter Dash	AAA	Finals
4:01 PM	28	Boys	200 Meter Dash	A	Finals
4:03 PM	29	Boys	200 Meter Dash	AA	Finals
4:05 PM	30	Boys	200 Meter Dash	AAA	Finals
4:10 PM	73	Girls	4x400 Meter Relay	A	Finals
4:22 PM	74	Girls	4x400 Meter Relay	AA	Finals
4:34 PM	75	Girls	4x400 Meter Relay	AAA	Finals
4:46 PM	76	Boys	4x400 Meter Relay	A	Finals
4:58 PM	77	Boys	4x400 Meter Relay	AA	Finals
5:10 PM	78	Boys	4x400 Meter Relay	AAA	Finals
5:25 PM			Awards		

- D. Physical Examination - Each student shall have a physical examination before competing with a school team.
- E. Uniforms and Jewelry Rule (National Federation Rule 4-3)
- F. Middle school/9th grade teams are permitted 14 meets and only 2 meets per week.
- G. There shall be no State Championship at this level.

**H. Boys Shot Put (middle/9th grade) - 4 kilograms
Girls Shot Put (middle/9th grade) - 6 pound**

I. Hurdle Specifications

Hurdle	Height	# of Hurdles	Start to 1st Hurdle	Between Hurdles	Last Hurdle to Finish
75 m HH-B	36"	7	13 m	8.5 m	11 m
75 m LH-G	30"	7	13 m	8.5 m	11 m
200 m LH	30"	6	15 m	35 m	10 m
Shuttle Hurdles					
G/B - 60 m	30"	5	13.0 m	8.5	13.0 m

- J. The Board of Directors has adopted the following order of events for meets at the middle/9th grade level.

Order of Events:

Middle/9th Grade One Session Meet

1. 3200 (M) Run (G)	7. 1600 (M) Run (G)
3200 (M) Run (B)	1600 (M) Run (B)
2. 400 (M) Run (G)	8. 200 (M) Low Hurdles (30") (G)
400 (M) Run (B)	200 (M) Low Hurdles (30") (B)
Break	9. 4 x 100 (M) Relay (G)
3. 4 x 800 (M) Relay (G)	4 x 100 (M) Relay (B)
4 x 800 (M) Relay (B)	10. 800 (M) Run (G)
4. 75 (M) Hurdles (30") (G)	800 (M) Run (B)
75 (M) High Hurdles (36") (B)	11. 200 (M) Dash (G)
5. 100 (M) Dash (G)	200 (M) Dash (B)
100 (M) Dash (B)	12. Shuttle Hurdle Relays (G)
6. 4 x 200 (M) Relay (G)	Shuttle Hurdle Relays (B)
4 x 200 (M) Relay (B)	13. 4 x 400 (M) Relay (G)
	4 x 400 (M) Relay (B)

Middle/9th Grade Two Session Meet

First Session MS/JHS	Second Session MS/JHS
1. 75 (M) Low Hurdles (G) Trials	1. 4 x 800 (M) Relay (G)
75 (M) High Hurdles (B) Trials	4 x 800 (M) Relay (B)
2. 100 (M) Dahn (G) Trials	2. 75 (M) Low Hurdles (G) Finals
100 (M) Dash (B) Trials	75 (M) High Hurdles (B) Finals
3. 3200 (M) Run (G) Finals	3. 100 (M) Dash (G) Finals
4. 200 (M) Dash (G) Trials	100 (M) Dash (B) Finals
200 (M) Dash (B) Trials	4. 4 x 200 (M) Relay (G)
5. 3200 (M) Run (B) Finals	4 x 200 (M) Relay (B)
6. 400 (M) Dash (G) Finals	5. 1600 (M) Run (G)
400 (M) Dash (B) Finals	1600 (M) Run (B)
	6. 200 (M) Low Hurdles (G)
	200 (M) Low Hurdles (B)
	7. 4 x 100 (M) Relay (G)
	4 x 100 (M) Relay (B)
	8. 800 (M) Run (G)
	800 (M) Run (B)
	9. 200 (M) Dash (G) Finals
	200 (M) Dash (B) Finals
	10. Shuttle Hurdle Relay (G)
	Shuttle Hurdle Relay (B)
	11. 4 x 400 (M) Relay (G)
	4 x 400 (M) Relay (B)

**Field Events for Either
Type of Meet
Pole Vault (B & G)
High Jump (B & G)
Long Jump (B & G)
Shot Put (B & G)
Discus (B & G)**

WV State Track Meet Field Events Rotation						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
2016	II	III	IV	V	VI	I
2017	III	IV	V	VI	I	II
2018	IV	V	VI	I	II	III
2019	V	VI	I	II	III	IV
2020	VI	I	II	III	IV	V
2021	I	II	III	IV	V	VI

IV. MIDDLE / 9th GRADE TRACK PROGRAM

Refer to the National Federation's 2016 Track and Field Rules Book. This section deals with modifications for conducting middle school competition. The Track Committee has adopted certain changes in these modifications as related to order of events and measurements (weight, height or distance). See previously listed order of events. It is important that all schools follow these contents closely in order to gain a consistency from one track meet to another within our state.

- A. Organization of meets:
 - 1. **Middle Schools may only compete with other middle schools. They may not compete against stand alone 9th grade teams.**
 - 2. Middle/9th grade athletes, regardless of grade levels (6, 7, 8, or 9th), may compete in a maximum of four (4) events of which only three (3) may be running events including relays.
- B. Participation by an individual in two successive running events should be avoided.
- C. Practice may start Monday of Week 35. Individual members of a team must have practiced on fourteen (14) SEPARATE days, exclusive of the day of a contest, before participating in an interscholastic contest.



2016 TRACK AND FIELD RULE REVISIONS

3-6-4 New, 3-19-3: Changes the responsibility of checking the starting blocks from the implement inspector to the head starter.

Rationale: Placing the responsibility of inspecting all starting blocks is more appropriate with the starter, who has this expertise, rather than with the implement inspector who has expertise with throwing implements.

3-10-7 New: Head event judges may use white and red flags to signal fair or foul for a field event trial.

Rationale: The use of flags will assist with efficient administration of the field events. Communication between officials, coaches and fans is enhanced by the visual signal, similar to the use of flags by umpires.

6-1-1 thru 5, 6-2-9: Expands and clarifies definitions of trial/attempt, flight, round, pass, foul and what determines the initiation of purposeful action of completing the specific throwing event.

Rationale: Expands the definitions for throwing events for greater clarity in application of the throwing rules and updates to accepted current sport terminology.

6-5-2 New: Establishes a maximum diameter for the boys and girls indoor shot puts to account for the synthetic cover.

Rationale: To account for the thickness of the synthetic covering of an indoor shot, which is not present on the outdoor implement, a maximum diameter is needed in the specifications for the implement.

6-6-1: The javelin shall be constructed of metal or other suitable material, which could be wood or newer materials, with a metal point or rubber tip.

Rationale: Updates the current javelin specifications by eliminating reference to wood, which is no longer a commonly used material. The change will permit use of newer materials, such as carbon fiber, in the construction of the javelin.

7-1-1 thru 7, 7-2-1: Expands and clarifies definitions of trial/attempt, flight, round, pass, foul and what determines the initiation of purposeful action of completing the specific jumping event.

Rationale: Expands the definitions for jumping events for greater clarity in application of the jumping rules and updates to accepted current sport terminology.

7-6-3: Updates size of takeoff board to accepted sport specifications by recommending it be 8 inches wide, but permits up to 24 inches.

Rationale: Updates to accepted current sport equipment specifications for the takeoff board while not resulting in existing boards becoming non-compliant.

7-2-2, 6-2-5: Clarifies language regarding when the order of competition may be changed for consistency in all field events and removes duplicate language.

Rationale: Removes duplicate language contained elsewhere in existing rules and adds language regarding when the order of competition may be changed for consistency in all field event rules.

9-1-3b New: Permits the use of double boundary lines marking both the inside and outside boundaries of the cross country course.

Rationale: The use of the double painted line provides additional guidance to the runners, better defines the race course for spectators, and allows for natural barriers (grasses, hedges, etc.) which appear on many of the newer courses.

9-3-3a, b New: Recommends the use of a video/photograph back-up system for cross country when transponders are used for place finish with a review activated when the timing system indicates a one-tenth second or less differential.

Rationale: Recommends the use of a video/photograph back-up system when order of finish in cross country is determined using a transponder system. Transponders can read early or late, come off the runner etc. The video back-up can confirm close finishes and also assist if other problems arise using the transponder system at the finish line.

9-3-4, 5 New, 9-4-6, 8, 9, 10: A finish corral is recommended at cross country meets in which the transponder system is used for the order of finish.

Rationale: The finish line is opened to its full width when using transponders for order of finish allowing competitors to race through the line. The use of a chute may restrict running space therefore, the corral should be used with transponder place finish. The corral enhances competitors' ability to perform administrative tasks as directed by meet management and then progress in an orderly fashion out of the corral culminating all race activity.

2016 TRACK CLINICS

Schools: The Head Coach shall be required to attend any sport rules clinic in his/her coaching assignment which is sponsored by this Commission. Both boys and girls head coaches must attend the Rules Clinic. Schools failing to have a head coaching position filled at the time of the clinic will be required to have a school representative present at the rules clinic. In a 9-12 school, both the varsity and 9th grade coach are required to attend.

Officials: All officials are expected to attend the clinic to be eligible to work any contests during the season.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
Feb. 1	WVSSAC Office	6:00 p.m.	Ray Londeree
Feb. 2	Huntington H. S.	6:00 p.m.	Bruce Senior
Feb. 4	Wheeling Park H.S.	6:00 p.m.	Dwayne Rodgers
Feb. 6	Martinsburg H. S.	9:00 a.m.	David Walker
Feb. 6	Frankfort H. S.	12:30 p.m.	Kevin Shupe
Feb. 8	Woodrow Wilson H.S.	6:00 p.m.	Tim Carrico
Feb. 9	Capital H.S.-Charleston	6:00 p.m.	Cody Clay
Feb. 11	Robert C. Byrd H. S.	6:00 p.m.	Steve Gibson
Feb. 15	*WVSSAC Office	6:00 p.m.	Ray Londeree
*Make-up Clinic - \$10.00 Fee			

Requests for rule interpretations or clarifications should be directed to the state association which is responsible for administering and conducting the high school track programs in your state. The NFHS will assist in answering rules questions from state associations whenever called upon.

2014-2015 Boys' State Track Champions

AAA

Martinsburg High School

AA

Ritchie County High School

A

Doddridge County High School

2014-2015 Girls' State Track Champions

AAA

Winfield High School

AA

Berkeley Springs High School

A

Tucker County High School

((((((OFFICE ECHOES)))))

Minutes of Meeting Board of Directors #661 WVSSAC Office – Parkersburg, WV August 26, 2015

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the WVSSAC Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 am on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 by President David Cottrell at the WVSSAC Office in Parkersburg, WV. The following members were present: Mike Arbogast, Wayne Ryan, Gregory Prudich, Dr. Eddie Campbell, Dr. James Wilson, and Robert Dunlevy. Representing the WVSSAC administrative staff was: Gary Ray, Bernie Dolan, Kelly Geddis and Ray Londeree. Invocation was given by Ray Londeree.

2. Approval of Minutes

- A. July Meeting – Mr. Ray presented the minutes of the July 6 meeting for approval. On a motion by Eddie Campbell and seconded by Dr. James Wilson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Ray presented the Agenda for approval adding to 8-B Brent Jarrell, Barboursville MS and 9-E Lisa Mustain, James Monroe HS. Mr. Cottrell shared letters officially reappointing Mr. Dunlevy and Dr. Wilson to the Board of Directors. On a motion by Gregory Prudich and second by Robert Dunlevy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

4. Financial Reports

- A. July Monthly – Mr. Ray presented the July Monthly Financial Report for consideration by the Board. On a motion by Mike Arbogast and seconded by Robert Dunlevy the Board unanimously approved the report as presented. Mr. Ray shared that the annual audit report would be presented in October.

5. Coaching Committee Meeting Report

- A. Baseball - Mr. Ray presented the State Baseball Committee Report. There were two items for Board approval.
 1. Eddie Campbell moved and Mike Arbogast seconded a motion to adopt a new pitching guideline/rule for high schools and middle schools. Motion passed with a 5 – 1 vote. Mr. Prudich voted against the motion.
 2. Mr. Arbogast moved and Mr. Wilson seconded a motion to postpone action on baseball tournament format until reclassification is completed and to give the office staff authority to work on a revised proposal and bring it to the Board of Directors after realignment is completed. Motion passed 5 -1. Mr. Prudich voted against the motion.

6. Discipline Log

None at this time.

7. Legal Update

- A. Review Board – Nothing at this time.
- B. Greenbrier County Circuit Court – Update by Mr. Dolan.

8. Deputy Board Member Vacancy

- A. Region 8 – Mark Godfrey, PikeView High School
- B. Region 10 – Brent Jarrell, Barboursville Middle School

Mr. Arbogast moved and Gregory Prudich seconded a motion to accept Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Jarrell as new Deputy Board members. Motion passed unanimous.

9. Board of Trustee Vacancies

- A. Kent Yoho – Tyler Consolidated High School
- B. Jay Hamric – Tucker County HS
- C. Ron Reedy – Sissonville HS
- D. Vacant
- E. Lisa Mustain, James Monroe HS

Mr. Arbogast moved and Dr. Wilson seconded a motion to accept the above as new Board of Trustee members. Motion passed unanimous.

10. Out of Season Coaching – Committee Request

Mr. Ray and Mr. Dolan presented the proposed names for an “Out of Season Committee”. Following a motion by Dr. Jim Wilson and seconded by Greg Prudich, the Board voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

11. Proposed Budget for 2015-2016

The proposed budget for 2015-2016 was presented by Mr. Ray and Mr. Dolan. Mr. Dunlevy moved and Eddie Campbell seconded a motion to accept the budget. Motion passed unanimous.

12. Administrative Update

- A. Technology – Mr. Dolan informed the Board that there were a few issues with the C&I Cards. Justin will be coming next week to check on the problems.
- B. Regional Principals Meetings and Rules Clinics – The clinics will be on the web instead of mailing. Meetings went very well. There were more positive comments than usual.

13. Appeals

- A. **Student Athlete, Parkersburg HS – 127-2-7 (Residence-Transfer)** – On a motion by Gregory Prudich and seconded by Dr. James Wilson, the Board voted 5 - 1 (with Mike Arbogast voting in the negative) to overturn the decision of the Executive Director and allow Andrew immediate eligibility at Parkersburg Catholic HS beginning with the 2015-16 school term. The Board felt that the rule fails to accomplish the purpose for which it is intended.
- B. **Student Athlete, Notre Dame HS – 127-2-7 (Residence-Transfer)** – On a

motion by Eddie Campbell and seconded by Gregory Prudich, the Board voted unanimously to sustain the decision of the Executive Directors for the reason that extreme and undue hardship has not been proven, and for the reason that the applicant has not demonstrated that the rule fails to accomplish the purpose for which it is intended.

- C. **Student Athlete, George Washington HS – 127-2-7 (Residence-Transfer)** – On a motion by Gregory Prudich and seconded by Robert Dunlevy, the Board voted 5 – 0 with one abstention (Mike Arbogast) to sustain the decision of the Executive Directors for the reason that extreme and undue hardship has not been proven, and for the reason that the applicant has not demonstrated that the rule fails to accomplish the purpose for which it is intended.
 - D. **Student Athlete Wheeling Central HS – 127-2-7 (Residence-Transfer)** - On a motion by Mike Arbogast and seconded by Eddie Campbell, the Board voted 5 – 0 with one abstention (James Wilson) to sustain the decision of the Executive Directors for the reason that extreme and undue hardship has not been proven, and for the reason that the applicant has not demonstrated that the rule fails to accomplish the purpose for which it is intended. .
 - E. **Student Athlete, Huntington HS – 127-2-7 (Residence-Transfer)** – On a motion by Eddie Campbell and seconded by Mike Arbogast, the Board voted unanimously to sustain the decision of the Executive Directors for the reason that extreme and undue hardship has not been proven, and for the reason that the applicant has not demonstrated that the rule fails to accomplish the purpose for which it is intended.
 - F. **Student Athlete, Musselman HS – 127-2-7 (Residence-Transfer)** - On a motion by Mike Arbogast and seconded by James Wilson, the Board voted unanimously to overturn the decision of the Executive Director and allow Fabian immediate eligibility at Musselman HS beginning with the 2015-16 school term. The Board felt that the rule fails to accomplish the purpose for which it is intended.
- 14. Request for Executive Session – Personnel Issue**
- 15. Items for Good of The Order**
- A. None
 - B. Motion to adjourn by Greg Prudich
Seconded by Eddie Campbell
Vote – unanimous.

**Minutes of Meeting
Board of Directors #662
WVSSAC Office – Parkersburg, WV
October 22, 2015**

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the WVSSAC Board of Directors was called to order at 8:03 am on Thursday, October 22, 2015 by President David Cottrell at the WVSSAC Office in Parkersburg, WV. The following members were present: Wayne Ryan, Dr. Eddie Campbell, Craig Lee Loy, Mike Arbogast, Rick Jones, Greg Webb, Dr. James Wilson, and Robert Dunlevy. Representing the WVSSAC administrative staff was: Gary Ray, Bernie Dolan, Kelly Geddis and Ray Londeree. Invocation was given by Ray Londeree.

2. Approval of Minutes

- A. August Meeting – Mr. Ray presented the minutes of the August 26 meeting for approval. On a motion by Mike Arbogast and seconded by Dr. Eddie Campbell, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Ray presented the Agenda for approval adding 8C-Martinsburg travel request and 8D-Out of Season Coaching update. On a motion by Mike Arbogast and second by Craig Lee Loy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

4. Financial Reports

- A. August Monthly – Mr. Ray presented the August Monthly Financial Report for consideration by the Board. On a motion by Dr. Eddie Campbell and seconded by Craig Lee Loy the Board unanimously approved the report as presented.
- B. September Monthly – Mr. Ray presented the September Monthly Financial Report for consideration by the Board. After questions were answered about Arbiter Sports, corporate sponsorship, and network WV, a motion was made by Craig Lee Loy, seconded by Mike Arbogast, and the board unanimously approved the report as presented.

5. Coaching Committee Meeting Report

None

6. Discipline Log

None at this time.

7. Legal Update

- A. Review Board – There were two cases before the Review Board. The board upheld one and overturned the other one.
- B. Raleigh County Circuit Court – Update by Ray Londeree.

8. Administrative Update

- A. State Golf Tournament – The State Golf Tournament went exceptionally well. They had great weather. The staff at Oglebay appreciates high school golf.

Would like to see more girls' participation.

- B. Corporate Partners – Mr. Dolan is monitoring the Corporate Sponsors and presented an update.
- C. Martinsburg Basketball Team Travel – The trip was approved by the local Board of Education. Mr. Loy moved and Dr. Campbell seconded a motion to let Martinsburg High School basketball team go to Hawaii to play in a tournament. Motion passed unanimous.
- D. Out of Season Coaching Update – Richard Summers chaired the committee who broke into 3 groups to discuss the issue. The consensus was that there should continue to be 3 weeks but the specifics needed modified. The WVSSAC staff will work on a proposal and get approval from the committee before bringing it to the board for approval. It will then be presented to the Board of Control to vote on at their next meeting.

9. State Golf Tournament Proposal to Host 2016-2019

- A. Wheeling was the only venue that applied for the State Golf Tournament. Mike Arbogast moved and Craig Lee Loy seconded a motion to accept Wheeling's proposal. The Board voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

10. Retirement Letter – Sherry Villers

Mr. Ray reluctantly presented Sherry Villers letter of retirement.

11. Request for Executive Session – Personnel Issue

12. Recommendations to Employ Financial Accountant

Mr. Ray, upon request of Mr. Dolan recommended Laura Wallace for the position of Financial Accountant to replace Sherry Villers. Dr. Campbell moved and Mr. Loy seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to accept Ms. Wallace as Financial Accountant.

13. Recommendations to Employ Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Ray, upon the request of Mr. Dolan recommended Greg Reed, Assistant Principal/AD at Martinsburg High School to fill the position of Assistant Executive Director. Mike Arbogast moved and Greg Webb seconded the motion to accept Greg Reed as Assistant Executive Director. The Board voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

14. Financial Audit Report – 2014-2015 – Perry & Associates

Perry & Associates representative Bill Wilkinson presented the 2014-15 Audit to the Board of Directors. He explained changes brought about with Gasby 68. They found no instances of non-compliance. Craig Lee Loy moved and Mike Arbogast seconded a motion to accept the audit as presented. The Board voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

15. Appeals

- A. **Student Athlete, Wheeling Central High School – 127-2-7 (Residence-Transfer)** – On a motion by Dr. James Wilson and seconded by Rick Jones, the Board voted 5 - 4 to overturn the decision of the Executive Director and allow Austin immediate eligibility at Wheeling Central HS extreme and undue hardship having been established.

- B. **Student Athlete, Bridgeport HS – 127-2-8 (Adoption/Guardianship)** – On a motion by Robert Dunlevy and seconded by Rick Jones, the Board voted 7-1 (with Wayne Ryan voting in the negative) to overturn the decision of the Executive Directors and allow Damian immediate eligibility at Bridgeport HS extreme and undue hardship having been established.

16. Items for Good of The Order

- A. None
B.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Arbogast

Seconded by Dr. James Wilson

Vote – unanimous.

**“WORK”
Man has a
Backbone.
Only a
Turkey
or a
Chicken
has a
Wishbone.**