SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

January 2005

1. This is a summary of the recommended changes. It may be necessary to thoroughly review the Coaches Advisory Committee minutes to fully understand the proposals.
2. Various groups taking action on these proposals should make a motion to support or deny the proposal as presented by the Coaches Advisory Committee or modify the proposal and vote accordingly.

CROSS COUNTRY

1. Recommend the largest 120 schools sponsoring cross country be placed in Division 1 (10 sectionals) and divide the remaining schools which sponsor cross country equally between Divisions 2 and 3 (8 sectionals each division).

Coaches Advisory	6-0	Executive Staff	Yes*	Board of Control	Yes* 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes* 14-1		

Current Language: From the largest 138 schools in the membership, those sponsoring cross country are placed in Division 1 (8 sectionals) with the remaining schools sponsoring cross country divided equally between Divisions 2 and 3 (7 sectionals each division).

* Implement Fall of 2006.

VOLLEYBALL

1. Recommend that when breaking a tie, if no school receives a majority of the votes tallied, move directly to the appeal procedure.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 6-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 15-0		

Current Language: If no school receives a majority of the votes tallied, a coin-toss should be used to break the tie.

2. Recommend the opening round of boys' sectional play be moved to Friday so that the girls' sectional semifinals can be played on Thursday.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 6-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 15-0		

Current Language: Boys sectional is played on Thursday with the girls sectional semifinals played on Friday.

3. Recommend that the Boys State Volleyball Tournament brackets be determined following the completion of sectional tournament play. Coaches of the participating teams would conference call following sectional play to determine state tournament pairings.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 6-0	Executive Staff	Yes*	Board of Control	Yes* 3-8
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0*	Advisory Council	No 11-4		

*Amend --- 2 year trial.

4. Recommend that the Girls State Volleyball Tournament brackets be determined following the completion of sectional tournament play. Coaches of the participating teams (by division) and three Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association representatives would conference call following sectional play to determine state tournament pairings.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 6-0	Executive Staff	No	Board of Control	No 11-0

VOLLEYBALL (cont.)

5. Recommend a request be made to the National Federation to allow the WIAA to experiment with allowing the head coach to stand and address their players, court and/or bench, during a dead ball.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 6-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 14-1		

Current Language: NFHS rules do not allow the head coach to stand.

SOCCER

1. Recommend soccer coaches be allowed to have ten days of contact with their players from the end of school to July 31. The ten days of contact would not need to be consecutive. Participation by the athlete needs to be voluntary.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 4-0	Executive Staff	No	Board of Control	No 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 0-12	Advisory Council	No 15-0		

Current Language: Soccer coaches are allowed 5 days of contact from the end of school to July 31.

2. Recommend that the higher seeded team host through the sectional semifinal game provided that school has a soccer-only facility.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 4-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 15-0		

Current Language: Higher seed hosts ONLY the first round regional game if their field is at least 65 x 110. All other sites are predetermined.

3. Recommend a second center referee be hired for regional final doubleheaders.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 4-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 15-0		

Current Language: 3 officials are hired for regional final doubleheaders. The Game 1 center official becomes a line for Game 2. A Game 1 line becomes the center for Game 2.

4. Recommend that the roster size for tournament play be increased from 22 players to 25 players.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 4-0	Executive Staff	No	Board of Control	No 11-0
Sports Advisory	No 12-0	Advisory Council	No 15-0		

5. Recommend that six free admissions be provided to schools during the regional and sectional tournaments.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 4-0	Executive Staff	Budget	Board of Control	
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0*	Advisory Council	Yes* 15-0		Refer to budget

Current Language: One administrator (district administrator, principal, or athletic director) pass is provided.

SOCCER (cont.)

Recommend the host school allowance be increased from $175 to $250 to assist in costs associated with hosting outdoor event.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 4-0	Executive Staff	**	Board of Control	No 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	No 15-0		

Further review/discussion needed.

FOOTBALL

Recommend that undefeated teams be identified and taken into consideration when geographical groupings are entified. An attempt to equitably divide them should be made. A recommendation was also made that the next pri ity will be to divide conference champions as equitably as possible/reasonably into brackets.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 5-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 15-0		

SWIMMING & DIVING

Recommend sectional entries not be released to other sectional schools until after the Wednesday 4 p.m. entry ange deadline.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 3-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 15-0		

Recommend the Meet Referee have the authority to replace a diving judge with an alternate judge at the sectiona eet.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 4-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes* 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes* 12-3		

at completion of a round

GOLF

Recommend a modification to WIAA definition of winter rules as follows: The WIAA definition of a closely-mown ea is the golfer's own fairway only. USGA Appendix 4.,a. Temporary conditions that might interfere with proper aying of the game, including mud and extreme wetness, warranting relief for an embedded ball anywhere through e green or permitting lifting, cleaning, and replacing a ball anywhere through the green or on a closely-mown area ough the green.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 5-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 15-0		

rrent Language would be deleted. It currently reads as follows:

Note: If winter rules are deemed necessary, this applies in the golfer's own fairway only. If the fairway is not defined, players in each ursome will determine fairway boundaries.

Note: Winter rules allow the golfer to move the ball six inches (but no closer to the hole) by club head only.

GOLF (cont.)

2. Recommend a warning be issued for the first violation and a second violation will result in a one-stroke penalty when groups do not meet the pace of play limits when reporting to the scoring area.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 5-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 15-0		

Current Language: A one-stroke penalty will be assessed to groups that do not meet the pace of play limits when reporting to the scoring area.

3. Recommend that no meet may be scheduled (but a meet may be rescheduled if postponed) after either of the schools involved has begun WIAA tournament series competition.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 5-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 15-0		

Current Language: Allows schools to schedule meets after the start of the WIAA tournament series has begun.

4. Recommend that a meet is closed and all committee decisions stand once results of the meet have been officially announced.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 5-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 15-0		

Current Language: USGA rules would allow results to be changed after the meet.

5. Recommend JV players, while playing in a JV competition, be allowed to accept verbal and hand signal advice from their school's designated coach only. Notes, tees, and any other items left behind by teammates and/or coaches and aligning by coaches are all prohibited. The designated coach would not be allowed on the greens or in the bunkers. This rule would be in effect for a three-year trial basis through the end of the 2008 boy's season.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 5-0	Executive Staff	Yes*	Board of Control	Yes* 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0*	Advisory Council	Yes* 14-1		

*Amend --- 2 year trial.

TENNIS

1. Recommend JV players, while playing in a JV competition, be allowed to accept verbal and hand signal advice from their school's designated coach only. The designated coaches are allowed on the court as designated by current rules. This rule would be in effect for a three-year trial basis through the 2008 boy's season.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 4-0	Executive Staff	Yes*	Board of Control	Yes* 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0*	Advisory Council	Yes* 15-0		

*Amend --- 2 year trial.

TENNIS (cont.)

2. Recommend that a singles player and/or doubles team may not retire from a match during the State Team Tournament unless the rule that applies to medical issues is invoked.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 4-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 15-0		

Current Language: If a player retires from a match at the State Team Tournament, the player shall not return to competition for the remainder of that day. The player could return to competition the following day.

3. Recommend a match tie-break would be used in lieu of a third set for matches continuing after a dual match has been determined at the State Team Tournament.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 4-0	Executive Staff	No	Board of Control	No 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 2-13		

Current Language: All three sets (if necessary) are played in full even if the dual match has been determined at the State Team Tournament.

4. Recommend at the State Team Tournament behavior following a team match not be a part of the progressive code violation subject to the carry-over rule (point, game default). Code violations given after a team match are subject to the following:

1st offense - point penalty
2nd offense - one game penalty
3rd offense - three game penalty (so that if someone is just beginning a match, at least the next person is not disqualified).

Behavior subject to disqualification would be a three-game penalty on the next match out or the highest ranked match in progress. Penalty points and/or games are to be awarded at the start of the next game. If a match is in a tie-break, points will be awarded before the next point.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 4-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 15-0		

Current Language: Point penalty system is used: 1st Offense - point penalty; 2nd Offense - one game penalty; 3rd Offense - disqualification.

5. Recommend the following changes be made to the tie-breaker procedure used to determine who advances to the State Team tournament should there be a tie:

a. Step 1 - Team that has won at least four matches played between the two teams in subsectionals and sectionals.
b. Step 2 - Team with the most first place finishes will advance. (Doubles count as one.)
c. Step 3 - Team with the most second place finishes will advance. (Doubles count as one.)
d. Step 4 - Team with the most third place finishes will advance. (Doubles count as one.)
e. Step 5 - Team with the most fourth place finishes will advance.
f. Step 6 - Team that lost the fewest games in the sectional.
g. Step 7 - If tied after sectionals, go to subsectional play under the same procedure - fewest games lost at subsectional.

Coaches Advisory	Yes 4-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0

TENNIS (cont.)

Current Language

Step 1: Team with the most first place finishes will advance. (Doubles count as one.)
Step 2: Team with the most second place finishes will advance. (Doubles count as one.)
Step 3: Team with the most third place finishes will advance. (Doubles count as one.)
Step 4: Team with the most fourth place finishes will advance.

OFFICIALS ADVISORY

1. Recommend that schools be allowed to use 3-person officiating crews in basketball during the regular sea - son, effective immediately, and require 3-person crews during the WIAA tournament series beginning in 2007-08.

Officials Advisory	Yes 10-0	Executive Staff	Yes*	Board of Control	Table 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0*	Advisory Council	Yes* 15-0		

*Amend --- 2006 require 3-person crews at all state tournament games. 2007 require 3-person crews at all sectional tournament games. 2008 require 3-person crews at all regional final tournament games.

2. Recommend that for interscholastic football competition other than senior high varsity games, four officials must be contracted (game may be started with three).

Officials Advisory	Yes 10-0	Executive Staff	No	Board of Control	No 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 0-12	Advisory Council	No 15-0		

3. Recommend that in order for Master level volleyball officials to retain their Master classification, they must be available for a tournament assignment three out of five years.

Officials Advisory	Yes 10-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 15-0		

4. Recommend that the primary color for soccer officials' jersey be USSF yellow. If there is a color conflict then the alternate color would be determined by the officials at the game site.

Officials Advisory	Yes 10-0	Executive Staff	Yes	Board of Control	Yes 11-0
Sports Advisory	Yes 12-0	Advisory Council	Yes 15-0		