

WIAA Swim and Dive Championships Games Committees

From the WIAA Bound for State Tournament Regulations & Operations

L. Games Committees -Each Event Manager shall appoint and name a Games Committee for all postseason contests. The Games Committee will be on site or readily accessible by phone for all postseason qualifying and/or state contests. Participating coaches will be informed of the process and makeup of the Games Committee prior to each postseason event.

Duties of the Games Committee shall be as follows:

1. Assist the tournament director as needed and be immediately available to him/her at all times during the event.
2. Act as an arbitration board of dispute on questions or protests that might arise. The final decision will be the consensus of the Games Committee.
3. Questions concerning infractions may be brought to the Games Committee by the head coach or school administrator responsible for the team, not by a contestant, parent or spectator.
4. The Games Committee shall be composed of no fewer than three, nor more than five, members. Games committee members will include (see lists above)
 - 1) the contest manager or designee;
 - 2) the head official;
 - 3) a coach, athletic director or school administrator; and may include
 - 4) the official scorekeeper or
 - 5) another event staff member. The Games Committee members may not have a conflict of interest with the teams/individuals involved with the game under dispute.

M. Protests - In all WIAA-approved state tournaments, protests must meet the following requirements in order to be heard:

1. Protests of an official's judgment will not be heard. When a head coach feels that there has been a misinterpretation or misapplication of a specific playing rule, the coach shall notify the game officials following the incident in question and prior to the resumption of action that the contest is under protest.
2. At that point the official(s) will suspend the contest until a decision of the Games Committee has been determined.
3. The Games Committee will meet immediately or as soon as is reasonably possible upon receiving notification of the protest. During the meeting of the Games Committee, the coach shall be afforded the opportunity to present rationale and justification including the specific rule(s) in question, how the tournament officials misapplied or misinterpreted the rule(s), and the desired outcome of the protest. The official(s) shall be afforded the opportunity to present the rule and its implementation in the protested situation.
4. The Games Committee will consult with the WIAA staff member who oversees that sport; will follow any additional protest procedures covered in the specific NFHS rule book; and will utilize the NFHS and/or WIAA playing rules, scorebook, and/or statistics to determine the appropriate ruling.
5. The Games Committee will deliberate in closed session.
6. The decision of the Games Committee is final.

<u>2A Games Committee:</u>	<u>3A Games Committee:</u>	<u>4A Games Committee:</u>
Jeff Lowell, Meet Director	Jeff Lowell, Meet Director	Jeff Lowell, Meet Director
2A Meet Referee	3A Meet Referee	4A Meet Referee
3A Meet Referee or 4A Meet Referee	2A Meet Referee or 4A Meet Referee	2A Meet Referee or 3A Meet Referee
Laura Halter, Head Coach Issaquah High School (WIACA Secretary)	Chris Erickson, Head Coach Kamiak High School (WIACA District 1 Rep)	Don Helling, Head Coach Sehome High School (WIACA District 1 Rep)
Mike Kelly, Head Coach Gig Harbor High School (WIACA Board Member)	Laura Halter, Head Coach Issaquah High School (WIACA Secretary)	Mark VanHuis, Head Coach Kingston High School (WIACA President)