

# TIME OUT

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WISCONSIN BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION  
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## FAST BREAK NOTES

### All Star Games

Girls' Games: Wednesday, July 14th

Boys' Games: Thursday, July 15th

The dates were adjusted from the traditional June setting to accommodate the revised WIAA spring sports schedules.

### Next Executive Director of the WIAA

Congratulations to Stephanie Hauser as the new executive director. The WBCA looks forward to working with Mrs. Hauser in moving high school basketball to bigger and better things.



### All-Star Donations

The WBCA will be donating \$100,000 to five different charities in Wisconsin. The MACC Fund (Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer) will receive \$20,000, Camp Wawbeek, a part of Easter Seals and located in Wisconsin Dells, will receive \$20,000 and Garding Against Cancer, established by Greg Gard and his wife, will receive \$20,000. The other two charities will be chosen by June 1st. If you have a favorite charity that you would like the WBCA Charity Committee to consider, please contact Jerry Petitgoue by email at: [jerry.petitgoue@icloud.com](mailto:jerry.petitgoue@icloud.com)

### Awards

The following award winners can be found in this newsletter: Coaches' Achievement Awards, All State Players, All-Star Rosters and Coaches and Players of the Year.

### All-State Banquet

The 1st WBCA All-State Banquet will be held at the Glacier Canyon Lodge of the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells on Sunday, May 2nd. This banquet will honor the 50 boys and 50 girls who made 1st Team All-State in each of the five divisions. One new award will be presented at this banquet. The award will honor Hall of Fame Coach, Jim Nedelcoff and will be called the "Catalyst of Success Award".

### Instagram Account

If you want to see some great pictures from WBCA events, you can go to your app and get Instagram and then type in wisbca and many pictures will pop up.

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## **FAST BREAK NOTES CONT.**

### **Passing of a “Great” Person**

The WBCA community mourns the death of Aaron Lancaster, longtime coach and recent principal at Darlington High School. Aaron was a former outstanding athlete at Darlington High School and UW-Platteville.

### **Fall Clinic-October 7th -8th**

Yes, we will have a live Fall Clinic at JustAgame Fieldhouse on October 7th and 8th. Yes, we will have a social at Buffalo Phil's. Yes, we will be staying at the Great Wolf Lodge at a comped rate of \$90. Yes, you will be able to bring your family in on Friday and Saturday night at the same rate. Information on this clinic will be available to you around June 15th.

### **Hall of Fame Banquets**

The 2020 Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet (which was postponed from last fall) will be held on Sunday, August 1st at Glacier Canyon Lodge of the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Cocktails are at 12:00 Noon, followed by dinner at 1:00 p.m. and the program will follow. Tickets can be ordered online at the WBCA website. The 2021 Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet will also be held at the Glacier Canyon Lodge of the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. This banquet will take place on Saturday, September 25th. Cocktails will be at 4:00 p.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. and the program to follow. Tickets for this banquet can also be ordered online at the same website.

### **Membership**

We are slightly down on membership this year due to Covid-19 and less active events going on to be part of, but we are still at 3,641 which is not too bad!

### **WBCA Jerry Petitgoue Invite**

Information about this can be found in this newsletter. It's the best non AAU tournament in the summer. One of the best features of this tournament is that you can play two games in a row, then sit one, then play one more game and go home. So you're in and out in a short time period.

### **Conference Championship and Coaches' Awards**

Did you know that every coach who is a WBCA member can receive a plaque if they win a conference championship and other honors if they reach a win milestone? To submit your information for these awards, please visit the nomination forms in this newsletter or go to [wisbca.org](http://wisbca.org) and do it online. Then send the form to me or submit it online.

### **Lifetime Members**

As a coach, if you retire and get a lifetime membership to the WBCA, it is good as long as you are retired. However, if you get back into coaching, then you need to apply for a new membership while you are coaching again.

### **Mentoring Manuals:**

If you wish to receive a mentoring manual, please contact Eli Crogan at: [elicrogan@charter.net](mailto:elicrogan@charter.net) or 920.261.7454 and he will send you a complimentary one. Please include your name and address.

### **Questions**

Any questions or concerns you might have, please email me at: [jerrypetitgoue@icloud.com](mailto:jerrypetitgoue@icloud.com). Have a great basketball summer.—Jerry Petitgoue, WBCA Executive Director

## **“2021 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS”**

### **Girls:**

D1-Joe La Chapelle, Appleton East  
D2-Tony Dobson, Slinger  
D3-Mike Vanderloop, Freedom  
D4-Joe Tilton, Unity  
D5-Derik Doescher, Albany

### **Boys:**

D1-Lee Rabas, Neenah  
D2-Ryan Brown, Medford  
D3-Daryl Fox, Edgerton  
D4-Kyle Krueger, Fond du Lac St. Mary's Springs  
D5-Randy Storlie, Blair-Taylor

## **“2021 STATE CHAMPIONS”**

### **Girls:**

D1-Matthew Stuve, Germantown  
D2-Sara Rohde, Notre Dame  
D3-Brandon Siska, Lake Mills  
D4-Mike Garceau, Mishicot  
D5-Ryan Klein, Assumption

### **Boys:**

D1-Tim Arndorfer, Wauwatosa East  
D2-David Burkemper, Pewaukee  
D3-Nick Bennett, St. Catherine's  
D4-Dennis Ruedinger, Lourdes  
D5-Otto Hopfinger, Hustisford

## **“COACHES AND PLAYERS OF THE YEAR”**

High School (Boys)-Nick Bennett, St. Catherine's and Otto Hopfinger, Hustisford (Co.)  
High School (Girls)-Brandon Siska, Lake Mills  
College D1 (Men)-Greg Gard, UW-Madison  
College D1 (Women)-Kyle Rechlicz, UW-Milwaukee  
College D2-3 (Men)-Jeff Gard, UW-Platteville  
College D2-3 (Women)-Brad Fischer, UW-Oshkosh  
College Staff of the Year D1 (Men)-UW-Madison  
College Staff of the Year D1 (Women)-UW-Milwaukee  
College Staff of the Year D2-3 (Men)- UW-Platteville  
College Staff of the Year D2-3 (Women)-UW-Oshkosh  
College Player of the Year D1 (Men)-D'Mitrick Trice UW-Madison  
College Player of the Year D1 (Women)-Selena Lott, Marquette  
College Player of the Year D2-3 (Men)-Patrick Cartier, Hillsdale College (Brookfield East)  
College Player of the Year D2-3 (Women)-Brooke Olson, Minnesota-Duluth (Rice Lake)  
College Player of the Year D3 (Men) Public-Wyatt Cook, UW-La Crosse  
College Player of the Year D3 (Men) Private-Jack Negus, Madison Edgewood College  
College Player of the Year D3 (Women) Public-Leah Porath, UW-Oshkosh  
College Player of the Year D3 (Women) Private-Alyssa Lemirande, Madison Edgewood College

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# LEGACY LEADERSHIP AWARD

## About the Legacy Leadership Award

This award was established in 2019 to honor the legacy, leadership, and lives of WBCA Executive Board members John Cary, Jerry Petitgoue, and David Royston in recognition of their leadership qualities, characteristics in interpersonal relationships, and achievement as Board members.

John Cary served as the MACC Fund's director for nearly 37 years until his retirement in 2018. During that time the cure rate for pediatric cancer increased from 20 percent to 80 percent. The MACC Fund, since its inception in 1976, has contributed over \$67 million dollars to childhood cancer and related blood disorder research. The WBCA has proudly contributed \$2.9 million dollars towards that amount.

Jerry Petitgoue of Cuba City is the winningest coach in Wisconsin high school basketball history. Petitgoue has coached Varsity basketball for 58 years achieving a career record of 975 victories with three state championships through the 2019 season. He is presently in his 25th year as the Executive Director of the WBCA.

David Royston and his wife, Joy, have led Sports Impressions since 1989 and JustAGame Fieldhouse since 2006 in Wisconsin Dells. Their partnership with the WBCA and the MACC Fund has been a catalyst for the growth in membership and donations. JustAGame provides a home for the WBCA Hall of Fame, Fall Coaches Clinic, and the WBCA All-Star games.

The WBCA Legacy Leadership Award will be given annually to an Executive Board member as well as a girl and boy senior student-athlete who demonstrates the exemplary qualities of Character, Courage, and Service.

A committee established by the Executive Board has been given the honor and privilege to lead the yearly process of selecting an Executive Board member and two student recipients. Please join us in the journey of honoring the legacy of three exemplary leaders and our outstanding organization.

Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Members,

Thank you for the life-changing leadership and dedicated service that you provide as a member of the WBCA Coaches Association. Please consider nominating one of your students for the Legacy Leadership Award. MacKenzie Lindow from East Troy School District was the inaugural recipient in 2019 and Brady Olson from the Cuba City School District was the honoree in 2020. The committee invites your consideration to nominate a student in their senior year who exemplifies the qualities of character, courage and service. Please join us in the journey of honoring the legacy of three exemplary leaders and our outstanding organization.

The information regarding the award and nomination criteria are included with this message. For the first time the WBCA is expanding the student selections from one honoree to two. One girl and one boy student-athlete will be chosen and selected to represent the class of 2021.

We thank you as members of the Legacy Leadership Committee for your participation in the process as well as your ongoing championing of the game of basketball and those who have been given the honor and privilege to be associated with the game, the people and the state we love.

Sincerely,

Tom Andres and Jim Scheidler Co-Chairs

Kate Peterson Abiad, Ken Barrett, Terry Erickson, John Fullerton, Jade Royston, Dennis Semrau,  
Mark Stewart, Nicole Sutter, Cliff Thompson, and Dan Witter

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# LEGACY LEADERSHIP AWARD

## Candidate Qualities

### Character:

- The ability to have a profound effect on others by living their lives with passion, integrity and purpose.
- Inspires others to greatness
- Upholds and supports the mission and values of the WBCA and MACC FUND

### Courage:

- The ability to move beyond fear; to be confident enough to do what you believe in.
- Challenges the status-quo in striving to find new directions for the organizations
- Mentors others and encourages their self-expression

### Service:

- The ability to encourage service for others while also serving.
- Is sensitive to the needs of others
- Fosters personal growth in those who work and serve with them

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings! I hope that your Easter and spring break were relaxing and you were able to recharge and get ready for the final push of the school year. Now is the time of year for planning for the off-season tournaments, leagues, open gyms, skills work and shooting.

This newsletter has a lot of information in it with dates, coaches advisory meeting minutes and the coaches' survey. Please take some time to look at the survey and the committee structure. The committee structure will show you how it works to reflect the changes within the WIAA.

This past season has been a challenge for those teams who played and especially those teams that did not play. Everyone had to adjust, improve and overcome. My hope is that this next year can become a celebration and a return to some normalcy while using some of the things we have learned in the past year to make improvements.

As always, thank you for making a difference in your players' lives. Keep up the positivity and flexibility for our student athletes.

Yours in Basketball,

Dan Witter

**BASKETBALL**  
Coaches Advisory Committee  
April 7, 2021  
**MINUTES**

This summary represents the recommendations of this Committee and is not to be construed as a change or revision of existing rules or regulations. Final action on all items will be taken by the Board of Control at their June meeting.

Committee on virtual attendance: Michael Flanagan (Black Hawk), Mark Meerstein (Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran), Steve Hicklin (Lake Mills), Holly Bahr (Shoreland Lutheran), Kevin Orr (Rice Lake), Todd Fergot (La Crosse Central), Craig Machut (Hamilton), Dan Witter (WBCA President), Kate Peterson Abiad (WIAA). Absent: Kim Weber (Cameron),

**I. 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

- A. Motion by Dan Witter, seconded by Michael Flanagan to approve the minutes of the 2020 meeting. Approved 8-0.

**II. SEASON REGULATIONS**

- A. Review of 2020 Season Regulations
- B. Review of Changes for 2022
1. COVID information and date changes
  2. Game limits increasing (varsity only)
  3. Individual participation limits – 66 halves (increased to match game limits)
  4. Non varsity 9<sup>th</sup> Grade teams
- C. Shot clock
1. NFHS Update – NFHS committee has two proposals for use of the shot clock.
    - i. Allow states to use shot clock if they choose
    - ii. Make it a NFHS regulation
  2. Wisconsin Update – When Wisconsin voted in the shot clock, coaches were the one's in favor, but it didn't have backing from the Athletic Directors and/or school districts. Kate shared that Dave Anderson talked to District 4 Executive Directors and there was little support.
    - i. WBCA Survey showed 60% of coaches were for shot clock.
    - ii. Kate talked about this may not be the year to push for the shot clock due to financial strains on schools. Todd Fergot talked to Jerry Pettigoue who wanted all to keep in mind that the cost for shot clocks is for 2 sports (boys' and girls' basketball) Todd said that schools are spending thousands on new athletic fields the shot clock is a small financial issue. Dan Witter stated that the problem was cost and hiring/training someone to run the clock at the games. Dan stated that if we want to see the shot clock implemented, we need to get more than the coaches on board. Superintendents didn't like being told what to do (when it passed a few years ago before being rescinded). For this to pass we would need administration backing as well as AD's. Holly Bahr agreed that administration would be concerned about cost but is this better for the game. She has teams holding the ball for 3-5 minutes a game when they have a lead. Steve Hicklin agreed that the slow tempo teams are the worst to watch. Kate stated that one of the state high school associations (Iowa?) conducted a study and found that on average approximately 6 possessions a game would be affected by the shot clock. For that reason, they are not



interested in pursuing the shot clock. Kate asked what percentage of coaches would we want to see in favor of the shot clock before trying to move this forward again. Dan Witter stated we should wait for new Executive Director and then start plugging forward for approval.

- D. State-wide film/Hudl share – football has it for tournament play where they have to provide 2 games to teams before playing in the tournament.
  - 1. Dan stated that in his conference they had it where you couldn't share film outside your conference but this year it is open to share with anyone. Conferences are already doing this. Steve said that even with the change in grouping, that came in January, they had no trouble finding video on any team they needed. Mark and Holly stated that any school that they asked usually provides tape, maybe not current tape but they give it if asked. Michael stated that likely schools will continue with the live streaming of games as it was so nice for families to watch from out of town – It was decided no action was necessary at this time.
- E. Increasing girls' participation numbers – Craig Machut believes the biggest challenge to girls' basketball participation is competing with club volleyball. Club volleyball practices all year and kids are forced to pick between basketball or volleyball. Also, the physicality of the game of basketball is not appealing to as many girls. Steve commented that in order to see significant increase in participation, you need to start with youth programs. Building that program is a 7-year commitment in basketball but coaches seem to turnover about every 3-4 years. Mike wonders if the length of the season is a factor. Sometimes girls are starting so young in basketball, but when they start volleyball for the first time in Jr High and its fresh and fun. Mark read an article that girls like the cheering and celebration that come after a play in volleyball. Kate said she sees a possible challenge when kids who play travel ball at an early age team up with kids who haven't started playing until the Jr High level, those who aren't as experienced may feel significantly behind in the game. This may deter them from playing.
  - 1. Dan suggested that the TV exposure helps to promote girls' basketball. The NCAA tournament also this year was a good selling point.
  - 2. Promoting multisport athletes. Todd suggested sending a certificate to Jr High athletes who play 3 sports.
  - 3. Dan remembers the WBCA having a committee 10-12 years ago to work on girls' participation numbers. He feels that the WBCA should be involved in/leading this. Kate will talk to WBCA and see if they have any ideas on opportunities for increasing participation. Potential of setting up a committee. Dan suggested that each girls basketball coach could be tasked with coming up with a list of 10 ideas for getting girls involved in basketball.

### III. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

- A. Review WIAA Fall Edition of Tournament Procedures
  - 1. Season Summaries – now being produced on the WIAA website. Holly said she used it and it was great. Others agreed.
- B. Discuss Tournament Procedure – Kate brought up the basketball-only rule that reads “Any member school appearing in a State Tournament will not be placed in a smaller-school division the following year even if a decline in enrollment would normally place team in the lower division.” This year more than 100 schools were moved up a division due to the COVID adjustments. Kate relayed that 4 girls basketball teams and 5 boys basketball teams that were moved up a division this year, made it to State. The suggestion is that the basketball-only rule will not apply this year. All members of the committee agreed.
  - 1. All teams will return to the pre- COVID divisions, including those who advanced to State after being moved up a division. Motion by Dan Witter and Second by Mark Meerstein. 8-0
- C. Items from Committee Members/Coaches Association

1. Releasing Electronic Seeding Criteria (without percentages)
  - i. Concern that schools playing an out of state opponent the games will not be used in our state seeding. Todd stated that lots of schools along the border of the state play teams from Minnesota or Illinois and they are good games but will not be used in computerized seeding. Everyone on committee is excited the for electronic seeding and Kate thanked Eric Dziak at the WIAA for building the program and WISSPORTS for giving us 2 years of history data for us to use in building it. After much discussion it was determined to move forward with the current formula and see if needs to be addressed going forward.
2. State wide fil/Hudl share – not an issue this year with the live streaming of all games.
3. State Tournament Format according to the WBCA survey 50% of coaches were in favor of the current structure of the state tournament.
  - i. Todd stated that Minnesota and Iowa bring 8 teams to State in each of 4 divisions and both states have less high schools participating in basketball than Wisconsin. (Iowa 370, Minnesota 475). Todd would like to see more teams getting the opportunity to go to State – by adding a State quarterfinal game on Wednesday. Todd suggested using 5 sites, away from the Kohl Center, but possibly in the Madison area, for the Quarterfinal games. Kate asked about broadcasts...would the goal be to get these games televised? Another option would be to play the quarterfinals at a high school and live stream the games, even as double headers. There was discussion that this would be like the old Super Sectionals. This is not what Todd is speaking of. He would like to see all teams brought to one area for the State Tournament.  
~~Increase the State Tournament to include 8 teams from each of 5 Divisions. Motion by Todd Fergot and second by Craig Machut. Passed 8-0~~
  - ii. It was later determined that this motion should be tabled until a more concise plan could be created. Plan is to have more discussions within the WBCA and poll the coaches to determine if they are in favor of a model with 8 teams in each of 5 divisions.
4. Sectional Groupings – 57% of the WBCA coaches voted in favor of developing a system to allow flexibility in moving teams to balance the competitiveness in all sectionals. Todd stated that creating the Sectional Groupings by geography alone is not good for basketball. Once idea surfaced which included dividing each Sectional into 2 parts, identifying the top 4 teams in the Sectional and put 2 of the teams into each side of the sectional. Kate stated that in a non-COVID year, this is already happening. The teams are being seeded 1-16 (or more) in each Sectional, which results in the top 4 teams not meeting until the Sectional Semi or Final rounds. Craig Machut suggested we put together a Selection Committee, like the NCAA does. Coaches and fans are looking for the best teams at the State Tournament. Suggestions for who would serve on the Selection Committee: 2 WISSPORTS people, 2 opposite gender coaches, 2 WIAA personnel, 2 AD's.  
Note: Sectional Groupings and State Tournament Structure are two topics that the Basketball Coaches Advisory would like to take a good look at in the near future.
5. Divisional Format – WBCA poll revealed the following information: Divide teams into 5 equal divisions (38%), Tiered divisions (Div 1 = 64, Div 2 = 64, Div 3, 4, 5 = remaining teams /3) (31%), Current/Traditional Plan (Div 1 = 1200+ enrollment, Div 2 = 600-1199, Div 3 & 4 = remaining/2, Div 5 = smallest 128) (32%). The COVID year plan divided the teams evenly into 5 divisions. The even divisions created some conversation among coaches and fans who would like to see this structure continue in the future. Todd presented a document the shows the number of total students who are represented for each division. He feels the disparity needs to be addressed. His document shows the Division 1 schools have represented a total of 110,568 students in the Current/Traditional plan, and Division 5 only represent a total of 15,191 students. If we make a change to 5 equal divisions, the numbers grow in Division 1 to 144,911 students, compared to



10,684 students. Holly asked why this information matters. She asked why we are counting all of the individuals at the school who do not play basketball. Todd stated that he believes the tiered system is better than 5 equal divisions. After much discussion it was decided to take no action, which will result in reverting back to the pre-covid divisional format.

6. Changing Sectional Lines – The WBCA poll asked its member coaches if they would be in favor of changing the Sectional lines on a more frequent basis. 77% indicated that they are in favor of this. This year, under advisement by the SMAC, Sectionals were divided into 4 smaller pods, geographically. The change was made in January, approximately 30 days before the start of the Tournament Series. Next year we anticipate that the process will revert back to the traditional format. Kate showed some of the Sectional maps and discussed how Sectionals could be drawn differently – a grouping that is spread widely from East to West, could be changed to be a taller, narrower circle that spans farther North and South. The committee talked about the electronic seeding and how it may make some of the matchups different. It won't, however make the Sectional groupings different. One suggestion is for the Sectional Groupings to be drawn after the midway point of the season, so that consideration can be given strength of a program. Kate stated that, at this point, the only consideration that is being made is geographical location. Mike Flanagan wondered when other states release their Sectional Groupings. One comment shared that this would make it hard for schools to schedule games a year in advance against teams that will be in their grouping if this changes yearly. Talked about rotation basis of every 3 years on sectional lines. Michael discussed how Iowa puts out the next years groupings in the middle of the current season so that schools can plan ahead to get different opponents in the next season. Kate stated she could check with other states on when they are putting their information out to the public. Talk shifted to the creation of a committee to help with getting more competitive sectional groupings.
  - i. Committee for sectional placement – this would be using competitive information and the strength of the program to come up with sectional groupings. Discussed and decided we should look to the WBCA for members and help with forming this committee. Looking for someone to head the committee and someone on the Basketball Coaches Advisory to be involved. Kate would also be a part of this committee.
  - ii. Committee to get more participation in girls' basketball.
  - iii. Committee for change to 8 teams to state. Todd Fergot has volunteered to be on this committee, and look for help from the WBCA for members guidance.
7. State Shoot Around – Discussion about why this was stopped, used to be held on Wednesday before the tournament. The Kohl Center stopped offering Wednesday as part of the contract. 94% of the WBCA survey want to bring it back. Each team got 1 hour on the floor and the media talked to players and such. Players, coaches and parents enjoyed this part of the tournament experience. Kate does not know if regaining a day for shootarounds is feasible. Todd brought up that even if Madison can't make this work, we should go ahead with it in Green Bay if they will offer it. Kate will look into this further.
8. Revise Transfer/Open enrollment rules – The WBCA survey indicated that 70% of the basketball coaches are in favor of a revision. Kate stated that the transfer rules are not sport specific – they apply to all sports, uniformly.
9. Shortening season keeping 24 games – The WBCA had some members indicate an interest in a truncated season – shortening the seasons by 2 weeks. The question was posed on the WBCA poll and 48% indicated they would be in favor of this. The committee did not feel there is a strong enough backing to move forward with this.
10. Sideline coaching behavior – On the WBCA poll, coaches indicated that 64% are interested in addressing sideline behavior as a point of emphasis. The WIAA is notified, currently, by officials regarding technicals and ejections of coaches. It's up to schools to discipline their coaches as

they see fit. Members of the Coaches advisory stated that some coaches get away with a lot on the sideline. Some have a reputation and officials put up with it.

- i. One suggestion would be to implement a ranking system for coaches (completed by officials). Possibility of marking “Poor”, “Average”, “Good”, or “Excellent” after each game. No notification would be provided to the coach/administration until they have accumulated (for example) 3 “Poor” ratings in one season. Possibility of loss of coaching box for the multiple “Poor” markings. Kate mentioned we should be careful what we are asking the officials to do. Todd mentioned that if coaches know that officials are reporting on their behavior, some officials may not notify anyone as they don’t want coach to know they said something. Dan suggested we could have a 1-year trial to see how it goes. Holly made comment that in her season, the players were more of a problem than the coaches. Decided to table this and have Kate ask the officials advisory board to see if they think this is a problem that needs to be addressed. The committee felt they didn’t know enough about what the problem is or how to fix it.
11. Requiring an Officials Clinic – The WBCA survey showed that coaches were in favor (75%) of requiring officials to attend a clinic every 2-3 years, in order to maintain their level. Kate wondered if this is something that coaches should have an impact on. It is likely that officials would say coaches need to go to a clinic every 2-3 years. Steve said this could be another reason officials won’t want to continue. Kate said that Master Officials can maintain their status, currently, by officiating 8 regular season varsity games, watching the Rules Video and scoring appropriately on the Rules Exam. For the Tournament Series, Kate gets feedback from assigners as to who are the best officials in their area. She then takes those recommendations and uses them accordingly in the tournament. The committee decided that it is outside of their purview to mandate officials’ education.
12. Tournament Expansion to 16 – Current rules do not allow a basketball team to participate in a tournament bracket which has more than 8 teams. No other sports have this limit. Teams with elite players are receiving invitations to the big tournaments. The majority of teams in the state are not getting invited. Some of the tournaments contain a clause which mandates that the elite player must play, or the contract is cancelled with a fee to the high school. The However, in the WBCA coaches’ poll, 82% of coaches wanted to see the opportunity to expand to 16 team tournaments. Mark Meerstein said that he voted in favor of this change, not because his team would be invited, but because it would allow for some bigger, in-state tournaments to be created over the holidays. The committee felt that it was a disservice to the kids to keep them away from these opportunities. Revise Rule 6e. of the Season Regulations to read: A school may not play in more than two tournaments or in a nonconference tournament consisting of more than 8-16 schools. Each game in a tournament counts as one game toward the maximum allowed games. Motion by Todd Fergot, second by Craig Machut. Passed 8-0.
13. Diversity and Inclusion - Kate shared with the committee about a communication she has had with an anonymous person about the lack of women and minority officials at the State Tournament this year. After the initial engagement, Barney Hall, President of the Midwest Minority Officials Association (MMOA) reached out to also share his concerns. Some of his concerns included a) No 3 person crews of all women or all African American officials. b) 23 all white-male crews. c) Only 7 minority officials, and d) Only 4 women officials. Kate had several interactions with the anonymous individual over Twitter when she offered to have a discussion. The offer was declined unless she was willing to admit to racism within the WIAA. Kate also heard from Barney Hall twice, first while she was out of the office at the Girls Basketball State Tournament and later when she returned. Mr. Hall then sent an official letter to Dave Anderson

with specific requests. Dave set up a phone call and talked with Mr. Hall for an extended amount of time. Mr. Hall wanted an immediate meeting for his Board with Dave and other WIAA staff. Dave agreed to meet, but felt it is essential that the meeting take place once the new Executive Director is in place. Mr. Hall also voiced his concern about the lack of diversity with staffing at the tournament. Since that phone call the WIAA has received a press release from the MMOA making accusations about the basketball tournament and lack of diversity. Kate stated that her intention is to make committee aware of the situation, and the possibility of the release being publicized. Some of the details that Kate shared with the committee regarding the assignment of officials for 2021 are the following:

- i. 817 officials put in for tournament availability this year – on a typical year the number is around 920 officials.
  - ii. The WIAA does not ask ethnicity on registrations, after reviewing all 817 profiles she found the following:
    1. 747 officials have a picture on their profile registration.
    2. Of those 747, 31 were African American (4.1%),
    3. Of the 817 officials who provided their availability, 16 are women (1.9%)
    4. 3 of the 817 are African American women
    5. 713 of the 747 are white males (95%).
  - iii. Hired for the State Tournaments were the following:
    1. 7 of 90 officials are African American (7.7%)
    2. 4 of 90 are women (4.4%)
    3. 80 are white male (89%)
  - iv. Kate did not put together crews of all African American or all women this year as she believed that having diverse representation on multiple crews was a better plan.
  - v. Kate asked committee about how we can do better. Discussion followed about how to get more women and minorities involved in officiating.
  - vi. Kate also stated that the officials who were hired for 2020 tournament were told she would try to bring them back this year (2021). Some people didn't get the invite back due to travel restrictions since the tournaments were held in different places. She intends to bring them back next year.
14. Extend Summer Coaching Contact Days into August – Because Spring sports are running into the beginning of July, summer coaching contact days for other sports are being pushed back due to the the multi-sport athlete's availability. Extend the 2021 summer contact days into August. (Michael Flanagan, Second Steve Hicklin) Passed 8-0
15. Coaching Contact Days during the school year – The adjustment that was made during the COVID pandemic was well received by coaches. They would like to see this practice continued in the future. Allow 5 coaching contact dates during the school year, not to be used during the dead week prior to the start of the season. (Mark Meerstein, Second Steve Hicklin) Vote 8-0 in favor

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

##### A. NFHS Playing Rules

1. Review of rules proposals – very few committee members provided feedback to the WIAA office regarding the NFHS Rule Proposals. Kate shared with the committee how Wisconsin voted on each proposal.

##### B. NFHS Coach of the Year Suggestions

1. Nick Bennet - Racine St. Catherine's - boys
2. Tim Arndorfer - Wauwatosa East – boys

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3. Brad Sisca - Lake Mills - girls
  4. Sara Rohde - Notre Dame - girls.

C. Outgoing Coaches Advisory Members

- |               |                               |       |            |
|---------------|-------------------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. Kevin Orr  | Rice Lake                     | Div 2 | District 1 |
| 2. Holly Bahr | Shoreland Lutheran            | Div 3 | District 7 |
| 3. Dan Witter | Coaches Association President |       |            |

Ideas for new Coaches Advisory Members

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|--|------------------|-------|------------|
| 1. Paula Shedivy                                 | Prairie du Chien | Div 3 | District 5 |
| 2. Brian Krysiak - St. Thomas More - (Milwaukee) | D3 Girls         |       | District 7 |
| 3. Steve Schaffer - Racine Lutheran - (Racine)   | D4 Girls         |       | District 7 |

The committee made a recommendation that Kate contact the Coaches Association in Milwaukee and see if they have any coaches they would suggest as new members for our committee.

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## 2021 WBCA EXECUTIVE ELECTION

This fall the WBCA election finds four representative positions on the ballot for the executive board, which includes the following:

Madison City Rep with Jeff Boos the incumbent

Private School Membership with Lora Staveness the incumbent

Division 4 Boys Rep with Rick Storlie the incumbent

Division 5 Boys Rep with Randy Storlie the incumbent

Any head coach with 5 years varsity membership in the WBCA and interested in running for one of these positions can apply to be placed on the ballot if they are coaching in the division that represents them.

Each division representative will be selected by head coaches of their respective divisions only. For example: Only head coaches who coach in D-4 boys can vote for candidates in the D-4 boys elections.

Voting will be done online. Anyone wishing to be placed on the ballot can do so by contacting Dennis Uppena-Election Chr., at 1-608-778-9101 or by email at [dcup-pena@gmail.com](mailto:dcup-pena@gmail.com).

# GIRLS ROSTER FOR-ALL STAR GAMES

## D1 North

### Players

Aubrey Hatfield-Hudson  
Chloe Van Zeeland-Kaukauna  
Delaney Clark-Appleton East  
Halle Boldt-Sheboygan South  
Karsyn Bichler, Sheboygan North  
Kiersten McNulty, Oshkosh West  
Mackenzie Hogenson-Neenah  
Maddy Schreiber-Kimberly  
Mia Morel, Madison Memorial  
Sophia McCarty-De Pere  
Sophia Jonas-Hudson  
Vanessa Vechinski-WI Rapids Lincoln

### Coaches

Kati Coleman-Bay Port  
Joe LaChapell-Appleton East

## D2 North

### Players

Alexa Thomson-West De Pere  
Bailey Baeten-West De Pere  
Casey Jepson-West De Pere  
Georgia Gregoire-Notre Dame  
Molly Garrity-Onalaska  
Naomi Breunig-Sauk Prairie  
Natalie Jens-Beaver Dam  
Olivia Gamoke-Onalaska  
Paige Yagodinski-Beaver Dam  
Rebecca Lawrence-Rhineland  
Sammy Opichka-Notre Dame  
Sydney Jahr-Holmen

### Coaches

Celeste Ratka-Hortonville  
Dean Hoewisch-Hortonville  
Kevin Brester-Hortonville

## D3 North

### Players

Allison Luoma-Maple Northwestern  
Anna Fahrney-Winneconne  
Autumn Earney-Ellsworth  
Averie Varsho-Altoona  
Callie Genke-Freedom  
Chloe Halverson-Arcadia  
Danielle Schachtner-Somerset  
Ella Ten Pas-Oostburg  
Emily McCurdy-St. Croix Falls  
Gabby Johnson-Freedom  
Isabella Lenz-Prescott  
Macy Stellner-Westby  
Olivia Miron-St. Croix Falls

### Coaches

Brock Luehman-Osceola  
Chad Eggert-New Richmond  
Mike Haase-Osceola

## D1 South

### Players

Alexa Jarecki-Divine Savior Holy Angels  
CJ Romero-Brookfield Central  
Chloe Dallas-Wauwatosa East  
Claudia Fieiras-Janesville Craig  
Jaelyn Acker-Germantown  
Kalina Winslow-Indian Trail  
Maci Meyer-Hartford Union  
Macie Todd-Badger  
Olivia Rangel-Franklin  
Phoebe Frentzel-Arrowhead  
Sara Kasar-Oak Creek  
Teya Maas-Watertown

### Coaches

Andrew Woodard-Watertown  
Erin Steuerwald-Watertown  
Matt Stollberg-Watertown

## D2 South

### Players

Ainsley Howard-Jefferson  
Angela Slattery-Union Grove  
Carleigh Roberts-Oregon  
Jaida Smith-Pius XI Catholic  
Julia Magnuson-Mount Horeb  
Katie Hildebrandt-McFarland  
Kylie Lemberger-New Berlin Eisenhower  
Maya White Eagle-Baraboo  
Megan Benzschawel-Monroe  
Morgon Goodman-Pewaukee  
Nikki Dienberg-New Berlin Eisenhower  
Peighton Nelson-Monona Grove

### Coaches

Jeremy Jensen-Milton  
Stacy Skemp-Milton  
Brad Pickett-Stoughton

## D3 South

### Players

Alyssa Nimz-Catholic Memorial  
Baluck Deang-Madison Edgewood  
Emma Thistle-Kettle Moraine Lutheran  
Haley Rens-Laconia  
Julia Hirt-Lake Country Lutheran  
Julianna Wagner-Lake Mills  
Kacie Carollo-Whitewater  
Lauryn Milne-Lodi  
Lindsay Kirby-St. Thomas More  
Macey Banasik-Prairie du Chien  
Olivia Tinder-Beloit Turner  
Olivia Argall-Dodgeville  
Vanessa Solano-Martin Luther  
Vivian Guerrero-Lake Mills

### Coaches

Abbie Amling-Martin Luther  
Brian Krysiak-St. Thomas More  
Corey Scheel-Martin Luther

# GIRLS ROSTER FOR ALL-STAR GAMES CONT.

## **D4 North**

### **Players**

Abi Fraaza-Wittenberbg-Birnamwood  
Bella Opelt-Neillsville  
Breanna Ackley-Stratford  
Brooke Wideman-Amherst  
Brooke Hetfeld-Webster  
Emerald Konkel-Princeton  
Emily Hughes-Stratford  
Emma Herb-Wittenberg-Birnamwood  
Lexi Brakebush-Westfield  
Mackensy Kolpien-Fall Creek  
Raegan Sorensen-Unity  
Sierra Swanson-Milltown

### **Coaches**

Curt Dombrowski-Rosholt  
Shelli Hafenbecker-Amherst

## **D5 North**

### **Players**

Anna Geissler-McDonell Central  
Aubrey DeBauch-Gillett  
Emily Bohn-Assumption  
Emma Harris-Wabeno/Laona  
Eryn Bates-Prairie Farm  
Jessica Grundhoffer, Assumption  
Kaylee Skibba-Rosholt  
Kylie Higgins-Wabeno/Laona  
Makaylin Christenson-Prairie Farm  
Makenna Guden-Edgar  
Savannah Schley-Loyal  
Zoe-Rose Kuehn-Sevastopol

### **Coaches**

Andrew Harrison-Wabeno/Laona  
Kendric Allen-Wabeno/Laona  
Mat Wood-Westby

## **D4 South**

### **Players**

Alayna Suprenand-Winnebago Lutheran  
Anna Lutz-Marshall  
Bailey Lutes-Cuba City  
Bri Bahr-Aquinas  
Brynlee Nelson-Fennimore  
Desiree Kleiman-Mishicot  
Jaylynn Benson-New Glarus  
Kiley Kelly-Lancaster  
Kylie Schmidt-Mishicot  
Laura Nickel-Marshall  
Mackenzie Holzwart-Howards Grove  
Maddy Near-Howards Grove

### **Coaches**

Brad Lutes-Cuba City  
Mark Uppena-Lancaster  
Steve Graber-Cuba City

## **D5 South**

### **Players**

Adeline Hutzler-Rio  
Adelynn Hyatt-Cashton  
Anna Kartman-Potosi/Cassville  
Bailey Butler-Black Hawk  
Emma Gruen-Royall  
Hayden Benson-La Farge  
Jordyn Halverson-Cochrane-Fountain City  
Kaylee Marty-Black Hawk  
Layla Alt-Shullsburg  
Megan Miedema-Bangor  
Tess Johnson-Riverdale  
Ziyannah Conner-Independence

### **Coaches**

Jamie Wiese-Hilbert  
Michael Rajsich-Fort Atkinson  
Nicki Natzke-Green Bay NEW Lutheran



# BOYS ROSTER FOR ALL-STAR GAMES

## **D1 Red**

### **Players**

Ben Nau-Brookfield Central  
Carter Capstran-Franklin  
Chad Kron-Eau Claire North  
Hayden Doyle-Brookfield East  
Jacob Walczak-Chippewa Falls  
Jacob Dietz-Neenah  
Jasin Sinani-Oak Creek  
Joseph Reuter-Chippewa Falls  
Kyle Yu-Madison Memorial  
Owen Meyer-Germantown  
Sam Hytinen-Arrowhead

### **Coaches**

Dan Wandrey-Brookfield Central  
Kyle Fueger-Germantown  
Sean Crider-Homestead

## **D2 Red**

### **Players**

AJ Hintz-Pewaukee  
Cael McGee-Stoughton  
Cole Kalander-Holmen  
Cyle Kowalski-Mosinee  
Jayden Jackson-Whitefish Bay  
Jonah Rindfleisch-Wisconsin Lutheran  
Josh Crubaugh-New Berlin Eisenhower  
Liam Dougherty-River Falls  
Parker Lawrence-Hortonville  
Peyton Kuhn-Medford  
Ross Skeen-Rhineland  
Victor Desmond-Onalaska

### **Coaches**

Bob Komanec-Medford  
Paul Henrichs-Altoona  
Ryan Brown-Medford

## **D3 Red**

### **Players**

Barrett Witt-Wisconsin Dells  
Carter LaLiberty-Barron  
Charlie Bender-Lake Mills  
Clayton Jenny-Edgerton  
Jared Lessman-St. Croix Falls  
Mason Anderson-Ellsworth  
Melvin Medina Ortiz-Somerset  
Quentin Bolton-Shoreland Lutheran  
Ryan Nixon-East Troy  
Travis Kohlmann-Kiel  
Tyrese Hunter-St. Catherine's  
Wesley Keller-Richland Center

### **Coaches**

Brian Puls-Richland Center  
Chris Jenny-Edgerton  
Daryl Fox-Edgerton

## **D1 White**

### **Players**

Brenden Weis-Janesville Parker  
Brian Parzych-Wauwatosa East  
Charles Alexander Singleton-Wauwatosa East  
Dylan Lisitza-Wisconsin Rapids  
Grant Asman-Kimberly  
Jackson Dudek-Kimberly  
Jacques Overstreet-Oshkosh West  
Jay Hinson-Wauwatosa East  
Logan Kowalski-Kettle Moraine  
Luke Healy-Hudson  
Tanner Resch-Sussex Hamilton

### **Coaches**

Jay Benish-Oconomowoc  
Jon Kluge-Oconomowoc  
Ravonte Dantzler-Milwaukee Vincent  
John Benish-Wonewoc Center-Ret.

## **D2 White**

### **Players**

Brock Heffner-Grafton  
Cade Meyer-Monroe  
Tre Valeriano III-West De Pere  
Dawson Nordgaard-West De Pere  
Joey Berezowitz-Burlington  
Jordan Johnson-Elkhorn  
Kevin Sandman-Wilmot Union  
Lance Nelson-Monona Grove  
Nate Abel-Beaver Dam  
Nathan Woller-Merrill  
Sam Kick-Onalaska  
Zac Johnson-River Falls

### **Coaches**

David Pettit-Union Grove  
Josh Skatrud-Elkhorn  
Michael Storlie-Elkhorn

## **D3 White**

### **Players**

Brady Wisse-Oostburg  
Brennan Timm-St. John's Northwestern Academy  
Gabe Siler-St. Croix Central  
Hunter Ingles-Winneconne  
Jackson Pettit-St. Croix Central  
Jameer Barker-St. Catherine's  
Jamison Nickolai-Sheboygan Falls  
Jeremiah Burke-St. Francis  
Kamari McGee-St. Catherine's  
Ray Zuleger-Xavier

Sam Haese-Wrightstown  
Tate Huss-Little Chute

### **Coaches**

Cory Haese-Wrightstown  
Craig Haese-Wrightstown  
Jacob VanRoy-Little Chute

## BOYS ROSTER FOR ALL-STAR GAMES CONT.

### **D4 Red**

#### **Players**

Aidan Ottery-St. Mary's Springs Acad.  
Antuan Nesbitt-The Prairie School  
Ben Venteicher-Williams Bay  
Brayden Dailey-Cuba City  
Cade Faber-Abbotsford  
Caden Schmidt-Shiocton  
Drew Guden-Edgar  
Jack Misky-Cuba City  
Josh Woller-Oconto  
Nik Feller-Poynette  
Sy Otte-Dodgeland  
Tyler Oswald-Parkview

#### **Coaches**

Bill Otte-Dodgeland  
Nathan Borgen-Williams Bay  
Troy Nottestad-Williams Bay

### **D5 Red**

#### **Players**

Gavin Ralph-Wauzeka-Steuben  
Hank Reader-Bangor  
Isaac Hill-Iowa-Grant  
Jarin Rud-Gilmanton  
Kyle Steien-Blair-Taylor  
Matthew Waldera-Blair-Taylor  
Nick Higley-Eleva-Strum  
Peter Gustafson-Monticello  
Quinton Tranel-Port Edwards  
Ryan Zimmerman-Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran  
Tristen Harder-New Auburn  
Zane Langrehr-Bangor

#### **Coaches**

Justin Beck-Port Edwards  
Kory Rud-Gilmanton  
Randy Storlie-Blair-Taylor

### **D4 White**

#### **Players**

Adam Larson-Fennimore  
Alex Daoust-Southern Door  
Austin Weis-Cameron  
Carter Lancaster-Darlington  
Cayden Rankin-Darlington  
Donald McHenry-Milwaukee Acad. of Science  
Hunter Wright-Auburndale  
Ian Payne-Cameron  
Kyle Brewster-Edgar  
Luke Olson-Fall Creek  
Mason Wiesner-Little Wolf  
Richie Murphy-Cameron

#### **Coaches**

Brett Parker-Cameron  
Tom Clark-Cameron  
Troy LaVallie-Cameron

### **D5 White**

#### **Players**

Alex Eggleston-Hustisford  
Brayden Haffele-Randolph  
Dominick Cummins-Benton  
Dylan Kuehl-Hustisford  
Griffin Hart-Cambria-Friesland  
Jacob Rowe-Rio  
Jake Siegenthaler-McDonell Central Catholic  
Kobe Smit-Cambria-Friesland  
Nolan Arthur-Drummond  
Pierson Schneider-Rio  
Preston Ruedinger-Lourdes Academy  
Wes Peplinski-Pacelli

#### **Coaches**

Westin Schmitz-Greenwood  
Derrick Smit-Cambria-Friesland  
Robert Staveness-Rio  
Tim Struck-Rio

# WBCA ALL-STATE

## **Boys D1:**

Hayden Doyle, Brookfield East  
Luke Healy, Hudson  
David Joplin, Brookfield Central  
John Kinziger, De Pere  
Brian Parzych, Wauwatosa East  
Jackson Paveletzke, Kimberly  
Tanner Resch, Sussex-Hamilton  
Joe Reuter, Chippewa Falls  
Seth Trimble, Menomonee Falls  
Mac Wrecke, Arrowhead

## **Boys D2:**

Nate Abel, Beaver Dam  
Mason Dorn, Seymour  
Jayden Jackson, Whitefish Bay  
Kobe Johnson, Nicolet  
Zac Johnson, River Falls  
Gavin McGrath, Onalaska  
Cade Meyer, Monroe  
Milan Momcilovic, Pewaukee  
Cameron Palesse, Waukesha West  
Marcus Tomashek, Ashwaubenon  
Max Weisbrod, DeForest

## **Boys D4:**

Andrew Alia, Kenosha's St. Joseph  
Carter Lancaster, Darlington  
Adam Larson, Fennimore  
Derek Lindert, Pardeeville  
Donald McHenry, Milwaukee Academy of Science  
Jack Misky, Cuba City  
Richie Murphy, Cameron  
Antuan Nesbitt, The Prairie School  
Craig Ward, Marshall  
Hunter Wright, Auburndale

## **Boys D3:**

Charlie Bender, Lake Mills  
Quentin Bolton, Shoreland Lutheran  
Luke Haertle, Lake Country Lutheran  
Sam Haese, Wrightstown  
Tyrese Hunter, Racine Saint Catherine's  
Clayton Jenny, Edgerton  
Kamari McGee, Racine Saint Catherine's  
Brandin Podziemski, St. John's NW Academy  
Donavan Short, Denmark  
Gabe Siler, Saint Croix Central

## **Boys D5:**

Travis Alvin, Randolph  
Sam Grieger, Randolph  
Peter Gustafson, Monticello  
Dylan Kuehl, Hustisford  
Gavin Ralph, Wauzeka-Steuben  
Hank Reader, Bangor  
Jacob Rowe, Rio  
Preston Ruedinger, Lourdes Academy  
Kyle Steien, Blair-Taylor  
Casey Verhagen, Sheboygan Lutheran  
Matthew Waldera, Blair-Taylor

## **Girls D1**

Jaelyn Acker, Germantown  
Kamorea Arnold, Germantown  
Phoebe Frentzel, Arrowhead  
Grace Grocholski, Kettle Moraine  
Emily LaChapell, Appleton East  
Jordan Meulemans, De Pere  
Olivia Rangel, Franklin  
CJ Romero, Brookfield Central  
Maddy Schreiber, Kimberly  
Allie Ziebell, Neenah

## **Girls 2:**

Nikki Dienberg, New Berlin Eisenhower  
Olivia Gamoke, Onalaska  
Gracie Grzesk, Notre Dame  
Sarah Hardwick, Notre Dame  
Natalie Jens, Beaver Dam  
Sammy Opichka, Notre Dame  
Kamy Peppler, Hortonville  
Chloe Van Zeeland, Kaukauna  
Mahra Wieman, Reedsburg  
Maty Wilke, Beaver Dam

## **Girls D3:**

Abbie Aalsma, Waupun  
Callie Genke, Freedom  
Vivian Guerrero, Lake Mills  
Gabby Johnson, Freedom  
Lily Krahn, Prairie du Chien  
Leah Lemke, Wrightstown  
Isabella Lenz, Prescott  
Alyssa Nimz, Catholic Memorial  
Taylor Roughen, Lake Mills  
Grace Schmidt, Watertown Luther Prep

## **Girls D4:**

Macy Donarski, Aquinas  
Mackenzie Holzwart, Howards Grove  
Desiree Kleiman, Mishicot  
Mallory Lindsey, Mineral Point  
Anna Lutz, Marshall  
Laura Nickel, Marshall  
Kylie Schmidt, Mishicot  
Raegan Sorensen, Unity  
Alayna Suprenand, Winnebago Lutheran  
Jacy Weisbrod, Aquinas

## **Girls D5:**

Bailey Butler, Black Hawk  
Jorey Buwalda, Randolph  
Ziy Conner, Independence  
Brianna Dahl, Albany  
Emma Gruen, Royall  
Makenna Guden, Edgar  
Marnie Kahl, Prairie Farm  
Sydney Lurvey, Three Lakes  
Kaylee Marty, Black Hawk  
Ainara Saint de Rozas, Assumption

## BLACK HAWK'S BAILEY BUTLER SELECTED AS 2021 MISS BASKETBALL BY THE WBCA

Black Hawk's Bailey Butler has been named the 2021 Miss Basketball award-winner by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association, sponsored by JustAgame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells.

"I was overwhelmed with emotion when I found out. It's awesome to be named Miss Basketball," Butler said.

She said she looked up to Barneveld's Hannah Whitish, the 2016 Miss Basketball winner.

"Working hard gets you places," added Butler.

Butler is an electric point guard who affects the game on both ends of the floor. She can score at all three levels and has great court vision. Defensively, she is a strong on-ball defender who has quick hands and feet which leads to steals and deflections.

Butler averaged a state-best 28.3 points and 7.9 assists per game, was third in steals with 6.2 per contest. She also tallied 7.8 rebounds per game for coach Mike Flanagan and the Warriors.

The 5-foot-7 point guard shot 55.3 percent from the floor, 75.8 percent from the free throw line, and connected on 72 three-pointers.

Black Hawk entered the state tournament with a 75-game winning streak, which is the third-longest winning streak in girls' basketball state history, before falling to Three Lakes in a Division 5 state semifinal to end the year with a 21-1 record.

Butler helped lead the Warriors to a 103-2 record in her career, which included four state tournament appearances. Black Hawk captured the Division 5 state title when Butler was a sophomore and they finished as the Division 5 state runner-up her freshman season.

She said she never dreamed she would be named Miss Basketball. "I was just focused on winning games."

"Halfway through the season coach Flanagan said I could be in the discussion (for Miss Basketball) if I kept playing at the level I was," explained Butler.

"I had no idea it would actually be possible."

Coach Flanagan said that Bailey is the ultimate point guard, knows everything they do and her ability to communicate is second to none.

"Does a great job at being mentally ready, mental presence is infallible," added coach Flanagan.

"I knew she would have to put up some big numbers to be in the conversation, but I never thought it would come through fruition."

Coach Flanagan went on to say that she elevates the play of her teammates and makes everyone around her better.

Butler, who will be playing collegiately at UW-Green Bay, finished her career as Black Hawk's all-time leading scorer with 1,960 points. She also tallied 562 assists and 565 steals in her stellar career.



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## ST. JOHN'S NORTHWESTERN'S BRANDIN PODZIEMSKI SELECTED AS 2021 MR. BASKETBALL BY WBCA

Delafield St. John's Northwestern Academies' Brandin Podziemski has been named the 2021 Mr. Basketball award-winner by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association, sponsored by JustAgame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells.

"My goal was to win the award, but I was actually surprised when my coach (DJ Mlachnik) told me I won Mr. Basketball," Podziemski said.

The 6-foot-6 senior, who transferred to St. John's Northwestern after spending his freshman year at Muskego, scored a whopping 2,154 points in three seasons with the Lancers.

He averaged 35.1 points, 10.0 rebounds, 5.6 assists, 4.0 steals and 1.4 blocked shots while helping the Lancers to a 21-7 record. Along the way, the talented combination guard shot 60 percent from the field, 82 percent from the foul line and 43 percent from three-point range.

Podziemski made 108 of 249 attempts from beyond the arc and leads the state in made three-point baskets.

He recently trimmed his list of potential colleges to Illinois, Kentucky, Miami (Fla.), Vanderbilt and Wake Forest, and said he will make a decision by mid April at the latest.

"I am going through everything right now and trying to sort things out with my dad and Antonio (Curro)," he said. "I am talking to all the schools involved and will make a decision by April 14 and the spring signing period."

After playing on the wing as a sophomore and junior, Mlachnik moved Podziemski to point guard for the 2020-21 season.

Gerald Gittens, the Lancers' starting point guard during Podziemski's sophomore and junior seasons, graduated last spring, leaving a big hole in the ball handling/passing department.

"I knew Gerald was graduating and that we'd need a point guard," Podziemski said. "I did play on the wing last summer with the Phenom on the club circuit, but DJ and I talked about it and decided playing point would be best for our team this season.

"I worked on point-guard skills all fall and playing that position this year really helped to diversity my game," he said. "It has helped me with learning how to read defenses and find the open man. I feel very confident playing either point guard or the wing when I get to college."

Podziemski, who maintains a 4.0 grade-point average and hopes to study Sports Management or Sports Medicine in college, was thrilled his team was able to play 28 games this season.

"Living on campus at St. John's, when one person gets COVID the entire dorm is really subject to getting it," he said. "Our basketball team went through getting COVID in early November, but by the time the season started, we were all healthy and remained healthy all season. I was great to get in 28 games."

Podziemski is the first player from St. John's Northwestern to win Mr. Basketball, but he follows in a very long line of stellar players to attend the school, including Dwayne Johnson, Eddie Lee, Walter Mosely, Ronnie Williams, Ulysses Moran and Trevon Hughes, among many others.



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## WISCONSIN'S MR. BASKETBALL IS HEADED TO ILLINOIS

Saying his interaction with the entire coaching staff and all of the players felt like “home,” senior guard Brandin Podziemski today committed to the University of Illinois to play college basketball.

Podziemski, a 6-foot-6 combination guard who lives in Muskego and attends St. John's Northwestern Academies in Delafield, selected Illinois over his four other finalists -- Kentucky, Miami (Fla.), Vanderbilt and Wake Forest.

“The relationships I've made with the whole coaching staff and with all of the players -- not just the incoming players but all of the returning players as well -- made me feel like Illinois was home,” said Podziemski, Wisconsin's 2020-21 Mr. Basketball-award winner. “I'm extremely pleased with my decision. I've dreamt about playing at the highest level of college basketball since eighth grade and now it's a reality.”

Podziemski joins an outstanding recruiting class for Illinois coach Brad Underwood that also includes incoming freshmen Luke Goode (6-7) of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Ramses Melendez (6-7) of Kissimmee, Florida; and Florida transfer Omar Payne (6-9).

Illinois finished 16-4 in the Big Ten Conference and 24-7 overall last season and loses a pair of backcourt starters with Ayo Dosunmu and Trent Frazier headed to the NBA Draft.

The opportunity for immediate playing time at a Big Ten powerhouse appealed to Podziemski as much as his relationships with the coaches and players.

“There is an opportunity to come in and start right away,” Podziemski said. “They see me as a combination guard so I could see time at either guard position. My mindset when I arrive on campus in June will be to work hard to get into the starting rotation.”

Coming off a senior season in which he averaged 35.1 points, 10.0 rebounds and 5.6 assists while shooting 60 percent from the field, 82 percent from the free-throw line and 43 percent (108 of 249) from three-point range, Podziemski certainly possesses the skill necessary to compete at college basketball's highest level.

His work ethic, though, may be his best attribute.

As a sophomore, Podziemski was 6-foot-3 and weighed 160 pounds. He improved to 6-4 and 170 pounds as a junior and then soared to 6-6 and 195 pounds as a senior.

“My favorite part of it all is working on my game, all alone in an empty gym,” Podziemski said. “I love working on my game when no one is watching so when they are watching, I'm ready to go.”

In addition to his impressive physical maturity, Podziemski's stellar play last summer with the Phenom University club program directed by Antonio Curro led to an intense recruiting battle.

“Illinois fits my style of play,” Podziemski said. “They love to shoot the three. They love to play fast. And they have a dominant inside player in Kofi Cockburn who draws double teams and can free up shooters. I'm excited to get started with college life and college basketball.”

In addition to winning the coveted Mr. Basketball award, Podziemski also won the state Player of the Year award from the Associated Press while helping the Lancers to a 21-7 record and sectional-final appearance under interim coach DJ Mlachnik.



# WISCONSIN BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2021 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association has announced its 2021 Hall of Fame induction class. A Hall of Fame Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, September 25th at the Glacier Canyon Lodge of the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. More information on tickets for the Banquet can be found by contacting inductees or the WBCA.

Additionally, the 2020 Hall of Fame Class will be recognized at a Banquet on Sunday, August 1st after last year's event was canceled due to the pandemic. The Class of 2020 Hall of Fame Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, August 1st at the Glacier Canyon Lodge of the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. More information on tickets for the Banquet can be found by contacting inductees or the WBCA.

## 2021 WBCA Hall of Fame inductees

### "Friend"

Damon (Ryan) Cattani, Manitowoc  
Ritchie Davis, Kaukauna

### "Official"

Robin Last, Green Bay  
Wesley Porter II, Milwaukee

### "Player-Girl"

Sabrina Brooks, Bay View-University of Nebraska  
Christine (Gutierrez) Keller- Milwaukee Pius XI  
Jean Joppe, Green Bay West-Purdue  
Nicole (Luchsinger) Anders, Janesville Parker-UW Milwaukee  
Janel McCarville, SPASH-University of Minnesota  
Cheryl (Orcholski) Mohr, Milwaukee Hamilton

### "Player-Boy"

Travis Diener, Fond du Lac-Marquette  
Percy Eddie, Milwaukee Tech  
Devin Harris, Tosa East, UW-Madison  
Paul Johnson, Orfordville-Parkview  
Harvey Knuckles, Racine St. Catherine's  
John Stone, Whitefish Bay  
Marshall Williams, Milwaukee Vincent

### "Assistant Coach"

Bill Kinziger, Clintonville  
Mike McGivern, Dominican-Calvary Baptist-Martin Luther

### "College Coach"

Eddie Andrist, Mount Senario-UW Stout  
Terri Mitchell, Marquette University

### "High School Coach"

Dan Bureson, Mineral Point  
Andrew Cerroni, Sussex Hamilton  
Greg Dull, Tomah-Sparta-Brookwood  
John Gaier, Neillsville  
Judy Harms, Whitewater  
Marquis Hines, Milwaukee Vincent  
Mike Hopkins, Darlington  
Mark Meerstein, Green Bay NEW Lutheran  
Sally Miller, Milwaukee Hamilton  
Arnie Oelke, Fall River  
Bill Scasny, DHS-Homestead-Sussex Hamilton

# WBCA MR. BASKETBALL RECIPIENTS

Year	Player(s)	Team
2021	Brandin Podziemski	St. John's NW Academies
2020	Johnny Davis	La Crosse Central
2019	Marcus Domask	Waupun
2018	Jordan McCabe	Kaukauna
2017	Kobe King	La Crosse Central
2016	Sam Hauser	Stevens Point
	Trevor Anderson	Stevens Point
2015	Diamond Stone	Dominican
	Henry Ellenson	Rice Lake
2014	Kevon Looney	Milwaukee Hamilton
2013	Luke Fischer	Germantown
2012	Sam Dekker	Sheboygan Lutheran
2011	Nimrod Hilliard IV	Madison East
2010	TJ Bray	Catholic Memorial
2009	Jeronne Maymon	Madison Memorial
2008	DeMarcus Phillips	Milwaukee Washington
2007	Keaton Nankivil	Madison Memorial
	Scott Christopherson	Aquinas
2006	Andy Polka	Oshkosh West
2005	Wesley Matthews	Madison Memorial
2004	Michael Nelson	Madison Memorial
2003	Brian Butch	Appleton West
2002	Greg Brown	Milwaukee Vincent
2001	Devin Harris	Wauwatosa East
2000	Mike Wilkinson	Wisconsin Heights
1999	Marshall Williams	Milwaukee Vincent
1998	Jose Winston	Milwaukee Vincent
1997	Mike Wilks	Milwaukee King
1996	Brad Clark	Markesan
1995	Sam Okey	Cassville
1994	Jim Secretarski	Arrowhead
1993	Anthony Pieper	Wausaukee
1992	Greg Timmerman	Cuba City
1991	Calvin Rayford	Milwaukee Washington
1990	Damon Key	Marquette
1989	Chris Jones	Milwaukee Hamilton
1988	Tony Bennett	Green Bay Preble
1987	Mike Johnson	Phillips
1986	Kurt Portmann	Sheboygan North
1985	Dave Mueller	Racine St. Catherine's
1984	Robert Barnes	Racine Horlick
1983	Joe Wolf	Kohler
1982	Rick Olson	Madison La Follette

## WBCA MISS BASKETBALL RECIPIENTS

Year	Player(s)	Team
2021	Bailey Butler	Black Hawk
2020	Lexi Donarski	Aquinas
2019	McKenna Warnock	Monona Grove
2018	Hailey Oskey	Seymour
2017	Sidney Cooks	Kenosha St. Joseph
	Estella Moschkau	Edgewood
2016	Hannah Whitish	Barneveld
2015	Arike Ogunbowale	Divine Savior Holy Angels
2014	Gabrielle Ortiz	The Prairie School
2013	Samantha Terry	Baraboo
2012	Nicole Bauman	New Berlin Eisenhower
2011	Samantha Logic	Racine Case
2010	Nicole Griffin	Milwaukee Vincent
2009	Adrian Ritchie	De Pere
2008	Rachael Hencke	Grafton
2007	Lin Zastrow	Jefferson
2006	Ellie Radke	Monroe
2005	Erin Monfre	Waukesha South
2004	Jolene Anderson	South Shore
2003	Meredith Onson	Oshkosh West
2002	Mistie Bass	Janesville Parker
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1999	Candas Smith	Madison West
1998	Kelly Auger	Pius XI Catholic
1997	LaTonya Sims	Racine Park
1996	Kelley Paulus	La Crosse Central
1995	Amy Wiersma	Randolph
1994	Anna DeForge	Niagara
1993	Katie Voigt	Lakeland
1992	Keisha Anderson	Racine Park
1991	Lori Goerlitz	Oshkosh North
1990	Dolly Rademaker	Thorp
1989	Melissa Smith	D.C. Everest
1988	Martha Richards	Hudson
1987	Sonja Henning	Racine Horlick
1986	Julie Garske	Amherst
1985	Heidi Bunek	Pius XI Catholic
1984	Kelly Byrne	Brookfield East
1983	Tammy McKay	McFarland
1982	Jane Lobenstein	Portage

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## *Life Lessons on the Court*

By Terry Erickson

NCAA and High School Basketball Official

February 24, 2021

As a High School and NCAA Basketball Official for over 40 years, I have seen everything...the good, the bad, the ugly and the in-between.

I've seen the overzealous parents, the helicopter parents, the spoiled player, the selfish player, the volatile coach, and the condescending coach. They are everywhere and at all levels. I have also seen the other side.

I have seen the unselfish players, the team-driven players, the encouraging coach, the respectful coach, and the appreciative and supporting parent. They are everywhere, too, and at all levels.

Recently, I was assigned a high school basketball post-season game. The experience supported my strong belief in the value of high school sports. Here's the story.

The home team had several players that were not able to participate due to COVID-19 exposure issues. Four of the players were seniors and played a significant role in the starting rotation. The team and coaches dedicated their final games to those seniors who were unable to play and forced to watch the games at home. I am not disputing the decision by the Administration regarding the players. That would be an unwelcome invasion into areas that are not of my concern. In fact, I fully understand and support the need to quarantine.

So, on to the game.

Despite not having key players on the court, the coaches and players were full of enthusiasm and energy with the goal of advancing to the second round of the play-offs. If that were to occur, those quarantined players would be allowed to compete. Unfortunately, it was not a Hollywood ending to the story and the team did not advance. So, just like that the season was over. That's disappointing, but not the end of the story.

As witnessed in other gymnasiums, the attendance was limited to a relatively small number of fans. I noticed that in the bleachers were the parents of those players unable to participate. With Mom's proudly wearing their son's basketball jersey, their excitement, energy and support for the team was off the charts. That, in itself, sends a compelling message.

As the game neared the end, I witnessed some powerful emotions. As one of the senior starters left the game with just seconds remaining on the clock, I saw tears running down his cheeks. I saw a player that had given everything both mentally and physically that night, and throughout his career. I saw his coaches and teammates also at a high emotional level with tears of appreciation and tears of sadness for both him and the other senior student-athletes on the team.

As the clock hit 00:00, I witnessed a rousing standing ovation by parents and fans displaying similar tears of sadness and appreciation for the entire team. Their tears of heartache were also for those team members watching the game from afar. I can only imagine those emotional tears from the players' wanting so badly to be on the floor as the season came to an end.

Officials are asked to be stoic and impartial, and not to let the emotions of the game enter in. Well, that did not happen to me in this game. My heart also ached as I left the court with my eyes filled with tears. I saw something special that night in what may have seemed like an ordinary high school basketball game.

To be part of that experience is a defining moment in the life of an official. My appreciation for high school sports, for coaches, and for dedicated hard working athletes went to a new level after that game. The joy and the sadness, the sacrifices and the commitment, the connections and the caring, the effort and the energy, the courage and the character, the purpose and the passion, and the perseverance and fortitude are all important core values that matter in sports and in life.

For those teams that experience set-backs and never get to the top of the mountain, well, it's all about the big picture and lessons learned along the way. This quote, from the Book of Psalm, says it all, "*Weeping may last through the night, but joy will come in the morning.*"



WISCONSIN BASKETBALL  
**WBCA**  
COACHES ASSOCIATION

# ANNUAL COACHING AWARDS FORM

## CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Conference Championship  
Awards  
Can be picked up at  
The Fall Clinic

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

*Remember to  
enclose one  
wallet sized  
photo.*

*Please include  
home home &  
email address.*

## CAREER WINS

(100-200-300-400-500 Plateau) If you received an award for 100 wins, you do not qualify for another award until you reach 200 wins, etc.

100 & 200 Win awards can be  
picked up at the Fall Clinic. Ev-  
erything above 200 wins is given  
at the Hall of Fame Banquet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Wins: \_\_\_\_\_

*Remember to  
enclose one  
wallet sized  
photo.*

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home home &  
email address.*

## 25-YEAR WATCH

You must be a WBCA Member for the last 5 consecutive years.

25-Year Watch  
Can be picked up at  
The Hall of Fame Banquet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Years: \_\_\_\_\_

*Remember to  
enclose one  
wallet sized  
photo.*

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email address.*

## 35-YEAR AWARD

You must be a WBCA Member for the last 5 consecutive years.

35-Year Award  
Can be picked up at  
The Hall of Fame Banquet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Years: \_\_\_\_\_

*Remember to  
enclose one  
wallet sized  
photo.*

*Please include  
home home &  
email address.*

**NOTES:** 1) Conference Championship awards will be handed out at the fall clinic. You must be there to pick up the award, if you cannot make the clinic please have someone pick up the award for you. No awards will be mailed.

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WISCONSIN BASKETBALL  
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ANNUAL SUPPORTING CAST  
AWARDS FORM

Which award are you nominating for:

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**Athletic Director of the Year**

(must be an AD for 20 years or more)

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**Administrator of the Year**

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**25 Year Golden Whistle Award**

(must be a WBCA member)

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**Media person of the Year**

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**Assistant Coach of the Year**

(must be in coaching 20 years and a WBCA member the past 5 years)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School or City: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of years: \_\_\_\_\_

School or City: \_\_\_\_\_ Is a WBCA Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES & REQUIREMENTS**

- 1) For all award nominations except Golden Whistle, please include a brief resume of career accomplishments
- 2) All awards will be handed out at the annual Hall of Fame banquet. You must be there to pick up the award, if you cannot make the banquet please have someone pick up the award for you. No awards will be mailed.
- 3) Please send one wallet size photo with this form and please put your name on the back of the photo. Please do not press too hard when signing your name, also please DO NOT staple or paper clip your picture. If there is no photo included than the award will be completed without it.

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2021 WBCA Jerry Petitgoue Summer Invites  
JustAgame Fieldhouse  
Boys - Thursday, July 22  
Girls - Thursday, July 29

Coach,

It is my privilege to invite you to the 2021 WBCA Jerry Petitgoue Summer Invite. We have created one of the premier summer HS basketball tournaments in the state of Wisconsin. The tournament will be used as a fundraiser for the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association.

As in years past, we want the best teams making the trip to the Dells with their best players. Teams should be at full strength. If you anticipate scheduling conflicts with your players, please do not enter.

Teams will be split into divisions based on both enrollment and anticipated strength. Teams will be seeded 1-8 and playoff to a true champion. 3-game guarantee.

JustAgame Fieldhouse  
Wisconsin Dells  
40 or 48 total teams  
\$325 entry fee  
All teams play 3 games  
Each team must provide a scorer/timer  
Following play, each player will receive a hot dog and beverage courtesy of the WBCA.  
All games will be streamed live via [www.justagamefieldhouse.com](http://www.justagamefieldhouse.com). There is a fee to view.

Format  
Two 20-min halves with running clock.  
Stops last 30 secs of first half, 2 min at end of game.

To register please visit [www.justagamefieldhouse.com](http://www.justagamefieldhouse.com)

At checkout you may pay with a credit card or select Mail-in payment if you need to send a check. Be sure you receive a confirmation email.

I hope you'll consider joining us for what is becoming a signature event for the WBCA and basketball in the state of Wisconsin.

Thank you,

Jerry Petitgoue  
WBCA