



## History of the West Suburban Conference

The West Suburban Conference was organized in 1922 with six schools as charter members: Downers Grove, Glenbard West, Hinsdale Central, Maine East, West Chicago and York. It remains on the oldest and strongest high school conferences in the state.

Riverside-Brookfield became a member in 1928, and La Grange joined the conference in 1935 when West Chicago dropped out. There were seven conference members until 1951 when Arlington Heights joined. Proviso West replaced Arlington Heights in 1966. The conference operated with eight schools until 1972 when Maine East dropped out. In 1975, Proviso East and Oak Park-River Forest joined the conference to increase the size to nine schools. Riverside-Brookfield dropped out in 1981. Starting with the 1986-87 school year, the League was renamed the Silver Division of the West Suburban Conference. Proviso East was realigned to the Gold Division. The West Suburban Conference now consists of fourteen schools aligned in two 7-team divisions.

### Silver Division

Downers Grove North  
 Glenbard West  
 Hinsdale Central  
 Lyons Township  
 Oak Park-River Forest  
 Proviso West  
 York

### Gold Division

Addison Trail  
 Downers Grove South  
 Hinsdale South  
 Leyden  
 Morton  
 Proviso East  
 Willowbrook

Currently, the boys compete for fourteen WSC championships. In 1923-24, competition was originally held in four sports: football, basketball, track and cross country. Other boys' sports were later included: golf in 1937, tennis in 1941, baseball in 1948, wrestling in 1957, gymnastics in 1964, swimming in 1966, soccer in 1975, volleyball in 1992 water polo in 2001-02 and bowling in 2002-03. The conference has kept pace with the increased interest in girls' athletics, currently offering thirteen girls' sports. In 1972-73, interscholastic competition began in tennis, swimming, volleyball, bowling, track, gymnastics, badminton and softball. Basketball was added in 1977, cross country in 1978, golf in 1979, soccer in 1982 and water polo in 2001-02.

Hinsdale Central has won 189 varsity boys' conference titles and 88 girls' varsity conference titles. The combined 277 championships are more than any other West Suburban Conference school. This conference also has the distinction of being the largest conference by enrollment in the state of Illinois and has won more state championships than any other conference. Hinsdale Central has a well established winning tradition in athletics.

According to the IHSA office, the top thirteen schools in State Championships are:

New Trier	75
Hinsdale Central*	63
Oak Park-River Forest*	42
St. Charles	33
York*	29
Evanston	28
Proviso East*	25
East St. Louis Lincoln	24
Lyons Township*	20
Providence	17
Rockford East	16
Lane Tech (Chicago)	14
Addison Trail*	14

\* West Suburban Conference Schools