

Make the Right Call



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Be Strong When You're With a Weaker Partner by Matt Moore

The excitement of getting a big game on your schedule can sometimes be dampened when you discover that your assigned partner is not very highly rated. Either the game has passed your partner-to-be by or you perceive his or her rules knowledge to be weak. Maybe your partner has a different philosophy than you or maybe you just don't want to work with him or her.

Still, the game goes on and the officials must put their best effort forward. That being said, here are several of the situations that can occur or apply in games where you are working with someone you perceive to be a weak partner.

Making calls in your partner's area.

Whether you believe your partner did not see a call or just didn't make a call for whatever reason, you've seen an infraction and decide to make the long-distance call.

While that can be technically correct, since a violation has been penalized, you've damaged your partner's ability to call the rest of the game

and possibly his or her credibility with both coaches.

Concentrate on making the calls that are your responsibility and don't try to do the job of multiple officials.

Play Coverage. As officials move up the ladder, they are usually getting their first exposure to working with more officials on the court or field. The first time most baseball or softball umpires work the three-umpire system is in the state tournament.

One pregame topic to cover could be, what happens when a play isn't covered? All umpires need to be aware of what is happening on the field and alert the partner who's responsible for the play to cover it or fill the gap and deal with the mechanics flaws in a postgame discussion.

Coaches expect you to change the call. By rule in most sports, one official cannot substitute his or her judgment for that of another official. But if you have definite knowledge that a call is incorrect by rule, you

can go to that official, provide him or her with the information and work with the official to change the call.

Remember, you were there once. Just as you are not happy with the assignment with a weaker partner, remember that you may have been that person early in your career.

One of the most rewarding things to be a part of in officiating is seeing that weaker official have success in a big game and gain confidence. That may be because there was no conscious effort on your part to let the official know you felt you were working with a weak partner.

Going into the game with confidence and having a detailed pregame discussion can set a tone that will enable that official to focus on the game and not worry about impressing the coaches, players or you. His or her actions will do that and hopefully he or she will gain the confidence necessary to face future challenges.

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2011 State Gymnastics Judges

1A/2A/3A Session:

Barb Graisy, Vancouver
Chris Greso, Seattle
Earla Reed, Seattle
Kathy Crawford, Seattle
Marge Eilers, Seattle
Michelle Ripple, Seattle
Barb MacAfee, Spokane
Becky Carlson, Seattle

4A Session:

Leslie Carlson, Seattle
Corine Olsen, Seattle
Pier Hansen, Seattle
Barb MacAfee, Spokane
Tracy Duncan, Spokane
Lee Bjella, Seattle
Michelle Ripple, Seattle
Barb Graisy, Vancouver

Finals:

Earla Reed, Seattle
Marge Eilers, Seattle
Michelle Ripple, Seattle
Becky Carlson, Seattle
Barb MacAfee, Spokane
Pier Hansen, Seattle
Barb Graisy, Vancouver
Leslie Carlson, Seattle

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2011 State Tournament Officials: Girls' Basketball



Philip James, Snohomish County

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1B First Round

Bill Boggs, Blue Mountain
Harrison McMillan, Evergreen
Kevin Hegel, Grays Harbor
Jeff Thayer, North Olympic
Don Truitt, Okanogan County
Dave Augustavo, Seattle
Riaz Kanji, Snohomish County
Mike Kain, South Sound
Greg Blash, Spokane
Bob Jensen, Spokane
Ben Wutzke, Tri Cities
Doyle Shaffer, Yakima Valley

1A First Round

Jonathan Bailey, Blue Mountain
Tim Baker, Chelan County
Matt Ahmann, Columbia Basin
Mike Sandmann, Columbia Basin
Dave Van Laar, Columbia Gorge
Rick Denholm, Grays Harbor
Reese Baker, Lower Columbia
Ted Postma, Northwest
Matt Kelleher, Seattle
Kevin Stride, Snohomish County
David Meincke, South Sound
Jason Cronk, Southeastern WA
Jeff Gates, Southeastern WA
Albert Kassel, SW Washington
Rich Railsback, SW Washington
Ken Davis, Spokane
Chuck Fillipini, Spokane
Josh Hocking, Spokane
Curt Pollard, Tacoma
Moises Garcia Jr, Yakima Valley
Ken Sauby, Yakima Valley

2B First Round

Jeff Parks, Chelan County
Jeff Holm, Columbia Basin
Bob Richartz, Colville Valley
Mike Price, Evergreen
Steve Solinger, Lower Columbia
Brian Lindgren, Northwest
Gary Boyle, Seattle
Marty Cloud, Seattle
Michael Lorenz, Southeastern WA
Bill Brannan, Spokane
Tony Schoeler, Tacoma
Larry Myers, Yakima Valley

2A First Round

Eric Gocke, Chelan County
Rick Cole, Columbia Basin
Skip Ayres, Grays Harbor
Larry Carlton, Evergreen
George St Pierre, Evergreen
Chris Wills, Lower Columbia
Bob Darling, North Olympic
John Hayden, North Olympic
Ron Van Soest, Northwest
Nancy Kelstrup, Peninsula
Richard Urie, Peninsula
Kevin Butler, Seattle
Tom Knorr, Seattle
Paul Langdon, Seattle
Greg Newbill, South Sound
Ross Parker, Tacoma
Kent Stanford, Tacoma
Carl Slagg, Yakima Valley

3A First Round

Ron Higgins, Blue Mountain
Cheryl Ondracek, Peninsula
Ed Bukovinsky, Seattle
David Caesar, Seattle
Anna Rabel, Seattle
Julie Vanni, Seattle
Romeo Escalona, Snohomish County
Angie Schmitt, Snohomish County
Jeff Willis, South Sound
Rex Ashmore, SW Washington
Syd Mott, Spokane
Joel Murphy, Spokane
Dean Smith, Spokane
Alberto Perez, Tacoma
Ron Rosi, Tacoma
Mandel Scott, Tacoma
Chris Mercado, Tri Cities
Eric Weisgerber, Tri Cities

4A First Round

John Reinhardt, Evergreen
Rick Stover, Evergreen
Steve Colby, Northwest
Mike McManus, Northwest
Stacy Brodzik, Seattle
Kellie Fetterly, Seattle
Mike Lloyd, Seattle
Mary Roper, Seattle
Jeff Shelton, Seattle
Moe Kon, Snohomish County
Chris Hansen, South Sound
Pat Martin, Spokane
Frank Jackson, Tacoma
Bruce Paul, Tacoma
Rick Underwood, Tacoma
Mike Person, Tri Cities
Kyler Bachofner, Yakima Valley
Jerry Caoile, Yakima Valley

1B, 2B Finals

Decker Hains, Blue Mountain
Mike Wold, Chelan County
Mike Sandmann, Columbia Basin
Rick Stover, Evergreen
Skip Ayres, Grays Harbor
Gordon Pitts, Okanogan County
Joe Guerra, Peninsula
Mike Saito, Seattle
Julie Vanni, Seattle
TJ Ingham, Southeastern WA
Joel Murphy, Spokane
Alberto Perez, Tacoma

1A, 2A Finals

Gary Manning, Columbia Gorge
Alli Simpson, Colville Valley
John Hayden, North Olympic
Ted Postma, Northwest
Mike Lloyd, Seattle
Mary Roper, Seattle
Romeo Escalona, Snohomish County
Jeff Willis, South Sound
Rich Railsback, SW Washington
Dean Smith, Spokane
Frank Jackson, Tacoma
Michael Thorner, Yakima Valley

3A, 4A Finals

George St Pierre, Evergreen
Bobby Brush, Lower Columbia
Ron Van Soest, Northwest
Doug Miller, Seattle
Jeff Shelton, Seattle
Chris Hansen, South Sound
Angie Schmitt, Snohomish County
Pat Martin, Spokane
Syd Mott, Spokane
Bruce Paul, Tacoma
Sarah Miller, Tri Cities
Kyler Bachofner, Yakima Valley



Roy Amesquita, Tacoma and Syd Mott, Spokane

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2011 State Tournament Officials: Boys' Basketball

1B First Round

Jason Richard, Blue Mountain
Don Hendrickson, Chelan County
Larry Weber, Columbia Basin
Larry Baker, North Olympic
Robert Grant, Pacific Northwest
Charles Camper, South Sound
Tony Churlin, Snohomish County
Artie Ingham, Southeastern WA
Kerry Vance, SW Washington
Brad Dettman, Spokane
Chuck Redmon, Spokane
Steve Wusterbarth, Western WA

1A First Round

Mike Gregg, Blue Mountain
Kirk Lyons, Chelan County
Bruce Shields, Columbia Basin
Daniel Herrera, Columbia Gorge
DJ Millay, Evergreen
Mark Patterson, Grays Harbor
Carl Waara, Grays Harbor
Bryan Keatley, Lower Columbia
Dave Farrington, North Olympic
Doug Miller, Pacific Northwest
Lezley Smith, Pacific Northwest
John McInnis, Snohomish County
Butch Fealy, Southeastern WA
Greg Morrison, Southeastern WA
Bob Berg, SW Washington
Garrett Daggett, Spokane
Jeff Geldien, Spokane
David Riley, Spokane
David Pierce, Tri Cities
Chad Burch, Yakima Valley
Brad Cramer, Yakima Valley

1B, 2B Finals

Brian Schorzman, Columbia Basin
Brett Simpson, Colville Valley
Dave Farrington, North Olympic
Craig Tamaki, Pacific Northwest
Steve Turcotte, Pacific Northwest
Bob Shaw, South Sound
Jason Small, Southeastern WA
Kerry Vance, SW Washington
Garrett Daggett, Spokane
Jeff Geldien, Spokane
Vince Zorich, Tri Cities
Lee Gregory, Western Washington

2B First Round

Jacob Burkhart, Chelan County
Shane Hickenbottom, Colville Valley
John Cage, Evergreen
John Nevills, Grays Harbor
Nick Sahonchik, Lower Columbia
Keith Kladnik, Okanogan County
Drew Hendel, Pacific Northwest
Kenny Hale, Peninsula
Geoff Asan, Spokane
Carl Metz, Tri Cities
Mike Zender, Whatcom-Skagit
Randy Winters, Yakima Valley

2A First Round

Brian Schorzman, Columbia Basin
Scott Heim, Evergreen
Ryan Chinchin, Lower Columbia
Bob Ames, Pacific Northwest
Kent Binning, Pacific Northwest
Ira Dunbar, Pacific Northwest
Craig Tamaki, Pacific Northwest
Steve Turcotte, Pacific Northwest
Jeremy Matthew, Peninsula
James Morris, Peninsula
Dave Kincy, South Sound
Jim Judd, SW Washington
Ralph Erath, Tri Cities
Phil Mисley, Western WA
Mike Stephenson, Western WA
Fred Trotter, Western WA
Damon Bruland, Whatcom-Skagit
Dick Brown, Yakima Valley

1A, 2A Finals

Tom Byers, Blue Mountain
Jim Etter, Columbia Basin
Scott Heim, Evergreen
Mark Patterson, Grays Harbor
Marty Palmanteer, Okanogan Co
John Kuska, Pacific Northwest
Velko Vitalich, Pacific Northwest
Brian Strege, Peninsula
Kevin Erickson, Snohomish County
Jeff Mularski, Spokane
Mike Stephenson, Western WA
Steve Waldeck, Yakima Valley

3A First Round

Jack Bailey, Blue Mountain
Jim Etter, Columbia Basin
Jesse Liebman, Evergreen
Manuel Fernandez, Pacific Northwest
John Kuska, Pacific Northwest
Brandon Lindsey, Pacific Northwest
Rod Mar, Pacific Northwest
Kevin Erickson, Snohomish County
Steve Landro, Snohomish County
Bob Shaw, South Sound
Jerry Johnson, Spokane
Jeff Mularski, Spokane
Damon Taggart, Spokane
Dan Ivey, Tri Cities
Lee Gregory, Western WA
Paul Guetle, Western WA
Mike Neubauer, Whatcom-Skagit
Chad Christopherson, Yakima Valley

4A First Round

Neil Anderson, Evergreen
John Matteo, Evergreen
Scott Fetterly, Pacific Northwest
Jerry Meneese, Pacific Northwest
Joe Thompson, Pacific Northwest
Velko Vitalich, Pacific Northwest
Woody Woodruff, Pacific Northwest
Mark Myers, Snohomish County
Todd Weber, Snohomish County
Tom Jones II, South Sound
Michael Manning, South Sound
Mike Hellman, Spokane
Kirk Westerfield, Tri Cities
Rick Fox, Western Washington
Jamie Green, Western Washington
Aaron Starkovich, Whatcom-Skagit
Dave Morehouse, Yakima Valley
Santos Trevino Jr, Yakima Valley

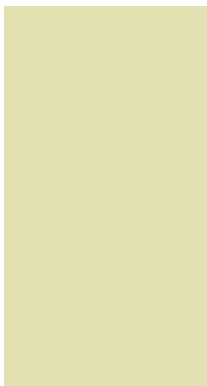
3A, 4A Finals

Steve Simonson, Chelan County
John Matteo, Evergreen
Eric Cheatley, Lower Columbia
Joe Thompson, Pacific Northwest
Woody Woodruff, Pacific Northwest
Todd Weber, Snohomish County
Tom Jones II, South Sound
Mike Hellman, Spokane
Kirk Westerfield, Tri Cities
Jamie Green, Western Washington
Hap Fakkema, Whatcom-Skagit
Jack Clerf, Yakima Valley



Jamie Green, Western Washington

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Jeremy Matthew, Peninsula

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Note from the Commissioner:

The winter state tournaments are underway. Wrestling and Gymnastics were this past weekend and from all accounts, things seemed to get off to a great start. As we approach the State Basketball tournament, it will be exciting to be a part of a new format and the WOA is looking forward to the expanded opportunity for officials to participate in such a great culminating event. Hopefully those officials not receiving the opportunity to work one of the tournaments will take the time to go out and support their fellow officials. If you do choose to go out and watch games, please remember that as a member of WOA you are always representing the association, as well as your local association/board, and it is imperative that you conduct yourself in a professional manner while enjoying the games. Prior to each state tournament, we communicate the expected behavior of officials as fans and after every tournament, we receive complaints about the behavior of non-working officials. Spectators pay more attention to you than you think and some take it upon themselves to report the behavior to their school administration, the WIAA or WOA. Let's not give them anything to report about.

Congratulations to all the officials selected to work a winter state tournament. Remember to HAVE FUN!

Todd Stordahl
WOA Commissioner



Rick Oates, Pacific Northwest

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Mat Classic XXIII Officials

TJ Green, Evergreen
Danny Johnson, Evergreen
Bob Lynn, Evergreen
Dan Settlemier, Evergreen
Steve Stoll, Evergreen
Jay Izatt, Grays Harbor
Chris Aronson, Inland Empire
Jerry Coulter, Inland Empire
Dick Ford, Lower Columbia
Brian Landes, North Central
Randy Penrose, North Central
Ray Bala, Pacific Northwest
Rick Oates, Pacific Northwest
Randy Oster, Pacific Northwest
Bob Turner, Pacific Northwest
Warren Spalinger, Peninsula
Dan Ackley, Snohomish County
Cliff McKinlay, Snohomish County

Rich Senff, Snohomish County
Jay Terry, South Sound
Doug Burt, Tri Cities
Adan Garza, Tri Cities
Terry Beckstead, Western Washington
Chris Brayton, Western Washington
Eric Davis, Western Washington
Brian Dunbar, Western Washington
Mike Williams, Western Washington
Randy Audette, Whatcom-Skagit
Ed Brooks, Whatcom-Skagit
John deWeber, Whatcom-Skagit
Mark Johnson, Whatcom-Skagit
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Brian Stephan, Whatcom-Skagit
Terry Cochran, Whitman County
Matt Beers, Yakima Valley
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