

Make the Right Call



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WOA

Development of a Privacy Policy: With the reliance on technology and the desire to enhance the services provided by the WOA, it was important for the WOA Executive Board to establish a privacy policy. The WOA privacy policy outlines the way in which information is used by the WOA, as well as the technology used to deliver the testing and clinic components. The WOA Privacy Policy can be viewed at the following link (www.woa-officials.com/pdf/Privacy_Policy.pdf).

WIAA

Mercy Rule Approved for Basketball: The WIAA Representative Assembly approved an amendment that would add a mercy rule for all regular season and

postseason contests (NFHS Rule 5-5-3). Beginning in the second half, if the point differential is 40 points or more, the game clock shall run continuously for the remainder of the game except for an official's time-out, a charged time-out, time between quarters, or the administration of free throws.

Change in State Basketball Format: At the April WIAA Executive Board meeting, the WIAA approved a change in the State Basketball format. The tournament will remain a 16 team tournament, but the first round games will be played at regional sites, February 25-26, with the remaining rounds played at a State Championship site, March 3-5: 1B, 2B in Spokane; 1A, 2A in Yakima; 3A, 4A in Tacoma. The impact on how officials are

allocated and assigned will not be known until after the regional format has been determined by the WIAA.

NFHS

Updated Concussion Language: Effective with the 2010-11 school year, any player who shows signs, symptoms or behaviors associated with a concussion must be removed from the game and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional. The new language dealing with concussions, although originally approved for the football rules book, will be placed in all NFHS rules books. The procedure for WOA will be reviewed and disseminated as part of the 2010-11 WIAA/WOA Online Rules Clinics.

Special points of interest:

- WOA DEVELOPS A PRIVACY POLICY
- WIAA APPROVES MERCY RULE IN BASKETBALL
- WIAA CHANGES THE FORMAT OF STATE BASKETBALL
- NFHS UPDATES THE CONCUSSION LANGUAGE THAT WILL APPEAR IN ALL NFHS RULES BOOKS

2010 WOA Conference / Golf Tournament

Have you made your arrangements to attend the 2010 WOA Conference? Interested in playing in the WOA/ArbiterSports Summer Classic Golf Tournament? If you are interested in either or both of these events,

please send in your registration prior to June 15 in order to receive the benefit of the "Early-Bird"

registration fee of \$25 for the conference or \$87 for the conference and golf tournament.

Please click on the link below for the WOA Conference/Golf Tournament registration form:

www.woa-officials.com/pdf/WOA_Conference_2010.pdf

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2010 State Tournament Umpires: Softball



Jim Dills, Twin City Softball

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STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

MAY 28-29

3A, 4A SOFTBALL

(SERA, TACOMA)

2A SOFTBALL

(CARLON PARK, SELAH)

1A SOFTBALL

(TRAC COMPLEX, PASCO)

1B, 2B SOFTBALL

(GATEWAY COMPLEX, YAKIMA)

1B & 2B State Tournament

John Driesen, Central Col Basin
Brian Myers, Colville Valley
Fred Dorn, Olympia
Jeff Gates, Palouse
Jerry DiGiovanni, Peninsula
Wallace Chocklon, Seattle Metro
James Levingston, Seattle Metro
Steven Gregoryk, Snohomish County
Heidi Wehr, Spokane
Michael Hansen, Tri Cities
Kevin Schultz, Western Washington
Russ Taylor, Yakima Valley

2A State Tournament

Dennis Schodt, Evergreen
Ken Juarez, Grays Harbor
Bill Parsons, Lower Columbia
Andy Kramer, Olympia
Scott Husar, Seattle Metro
John Carney, Skagit Island
Joe Martin, Snohomish County
Bill Elston, Spokane
Cole Sukow, Wenatchee Valley
Jewel Scott, Western Washington
Ron Marshall, Whatcom County
Jess Aguilar, Yakima Valley

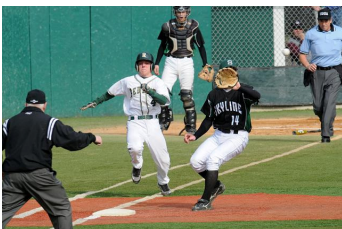
1A State Tournament

Clay Hearne, Central Columbia Basin
Leigh Ann James, Columbia Basin
Art Corral, Evergreen
Marty Palmanteer, Okanogan County
Jeff Pohjola, Seattle Metro
Paul Holeman, Snohomish County
Marty Boles, Spokane
Paul Mackenzie, Twin City
Oliver Wells, Walla Walla
Scott Ramsey, Western Peninsula
Graig Bolton, Western Washington
Ron VanSoest, Whatcom County

3A & 4A State Tournament

Gary Lawson, Columbia Basin
Chuck Perine, Evergreen
Al Burk, Lower Columbia
Dan Swisher, Olympia
Jim Stellmon, Peninsula
Kayleen Dunson, Seattle Metro
Kevin Nishikawa, Seattle Metro
Sean Wells, Seattle Metro
Eli Smith, Seattle Metro
Randy Beckett, Skagit Valley
Pete Perry, Snohomish County
Rich Hobson, Spokane
Jake Perry, Spokane
Tony Brown, Tri Cities
Andy Ziady, Twin City
Ken Cheslik, Western Washington
Sid Tompkins, Western Washington
Val Davis, Yakima Valley

2010 State Tournament Umpire: Baseball - Finals



Northwest Baseball

Photo Courtesy of Dale Garvey

3A & 4A Finals

Kevin Gawenit, Inland Empire
Gregory Mitchell, KPR
Gary Coy, Northwest
Joseph Winniford, Peninsula
Dean Strong, Snohomish County
Bill Brown, Western Washington

1B & 2B Finals

Mark Kolander, Chelan County
Larry Schultz, Colville Valley
Mark Allen, Evergreen
Richard Leetz, Northwest
Jeff Whitehead, South Sound
Norman Schimschat, Yakima Valley

1A & 2A Finals

Dale Callahan, Blue Mountain
Dennis Duke, Columbia Basin
Greg Chafe, Northwest
Michael Lorenz, Palouse
Russ Ratliff, Western Washington
Dan Williamson, Whatcom County

2010 State Tournament Umpires: Baseball - Regionals

4A Regional Tournaments

Erik Nilson, Northwest
Kevin Loy, Skagit Valley
Rodney Rochon, Snohomish County
Dave Warner, Northwest
Richard Brakefield, Peninsula
Larry Leathers, Western Washington
Kris Carlstedt, Northwest
Frank O'Dell, South Sound
Mark Heavey, Western Washington
Kevin Wellington, Inland Empire
Keith Best, KPR
Reginald Oliver, Yakima Valley

3A Regional Tournaments

Stephen Keating, Northwest
Mark Knowles, Skagit Valley
Howard Schmidt, Western Peninsula
Jay Neff, Northwest
Ed Stewart, South Sound
Bill Reynolds, Twin City
Dave Ratliff, Evergreen
Bill Lewis, Northwest
Russ Fairchild, Western Washington
Don Belland, Lower Columbia
Tom West, Snohomish County
Joseph Spencer, Yakima Valley

2A Regional Tournaments

Vern Dahl, Northwest
Ken Mitchell, Snohomish County
Matt Phillips, Whatcom County
Bill Blue, Evergreen
Reams Goodloe, Northwest
Mel Patterson, Western Washington
Gunnar Guttormsen, Lower Columbia
Bob Link, Northwest
Michael Rodenbacher, Peninsula
Dwayne Schettler, Inland Empire
Scott Guhlke, Northwest
David Puente Jr, Yakima Valley

1A Regional Tournament

Mitch Wasserman, Northwest
Bill Koeth, Skagit Valley
Larry Mires, Snohomish County
Tim Hayes, Lower Columbia
Anthony Amado, Northwest
Clifford Planellas, Western Washington
Ric Garces, Central Columbia Basin
Jeff Olson, Inland Empire
Jon Boisoneau, KPR
Clay Hearne, Central Columbia Basin
Keith Kladnik, Okanogan County
Jay Murphy, Western Washington

2B Regional Tournament

Glenn Campbell, Northwest
Charlie Schallot, Peninsula
Don Wilson, Western Peninsula
Gene Fox, Northwest
Jesse Garner, Twin City
Don Iszler, Western Washington
Bruce Shields, Central Columbia Basin
Brian Taylor, Colville Valley
Keith Cone, Inland Empire
Jerry Gaunt, Columbia Basin
Marc Taylor, Palouse
Don Fortenberry, Yakima Valley

1B Regional Tournament

Dennis Romo, Inland Empire
Dave Johnson, Northwest
Scott Anderson, South Sound
Doc Gayhart, Evergreen
Hal Blanton, Twin City
Phil Taylor, Western Washington

STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

MAY 22
BASEBALL REGIONALS
(REGIONAL SITES)

MAY 28-29
3A, 4A BASEBALL
(SAFECO FIELD, SEATTLE)

1A, 2A BASEBALL
(COUNTY STADIUM, YAKIMA)

1B, 2B BASEBALL
(PARKER FIELD, YAKIMA)



(left to right)
Mike Brown, Columbia
Charles Kramer, Quad County
Chuck Suter, East King County
Ed Uribe, Yakima Valley

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2010 State Tournament Officials: Soccer

Columbia: Brian Schneck
Cowlitz County: Brice Adams
East King County: Dan Compton
East King County: Bryan Hulen
Kitsap Peninsula: Brad Wiggins
North Chapter: Dan Anderson
Pierce County: Steve Brannon
Pierce County: Ray Moffatte

Quad County: Chris Felchlin
Seattle: Dave Augustavo
Seattle: Will Niccolls
Skagit Valley: Andrew Hovenden
South King County: Richard Meeks
Tri Cities: Jason Torres
Wenatchee Valley: Humberto Lozano
Yakima Valley: Ed Uribe

STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

MAY 28-29
3A, 4A SOCCER
(HARRY LANG, LAKEWOOD)

1A, 2A SOCCER
(SUNSET CHEV, SUMNER)



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Note from the Commissioner:

Congratulations to all the officials assigned to work a Spring State Tournament. It is an honor to be selected for the final weekend of the high school season and we know each of you will go out and represent your local association/board, as well as the WOA, with professionalism and passion. As is the case with every other sports season, the accolades are placed on those working the "state tournament" games, but we all know that every official who worked a game this spring is truly deserving a big THANK YOU from the participants. Without the time and effort put forth by the officials on a daily basis, the opportunities would not be there for the student-athletes. Thank you to the entire WOA membership for making the 2009-10 school year a success. Hopefully we will see many of you at the WOA Conference in Yakima.

Todd Stordahl
WOA Commissioner

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You've Kicked the Call; Now What? By Jeffrey Stern

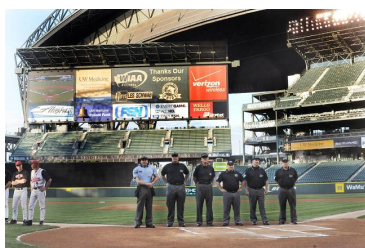


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We've all had one. Or two. Or 102. That moment when stark reality hits and you realize you have just kicked the ever living daylight out of a call. You stand there, slack-jawed with eyes opened as wide as they'll go, the cold beads of sweat forming on your brow, and you utter the question that has been asked by every official at one time or another: "How did I miss that?"

The decisions you make in the next few seconds and the days immediately following

the game will determine how good an official you truly are. Here are some things to consider while you wait for that next blunder that's sure to occur.

Admit your guilt. The first step to recovering from a blown call is acknowledging you made one. Congratulations. You're human. And in the officiating world, you're in good company.

The wrong way to get through it is to try to cover up (or worse, pawning it off on

another official). You may be able to bamboozle a few coaches with sincere expression on your face and a steady tone of voice as you try to explain why the very incorrect call was actually very correct.

Depending on the situation, some coaches will forgive an official or crew one mistake. Think of it as a "Get out of jail free" card. "Coach, I don't like having to tell you this, but I missed that one."

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